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CHARLOTTE, N.C. 1840

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 8 Jany 1840

Sir

I have the honor to report the Amt of Bullion received and Coinage executed at this Branch of the Mint for the Month ending 31st ulto.

The Paper A. will show the gross amounts and Kinds of Gold Bullion deposited for Coinage during the last Month. The Standard weight will be given when the Assay Reports are made to me:- which I hope will be in time for next mail.

The paper B. being a copy of the Coiner's report to me shows the amount and Kinds of Coinage executed.

Your several letters of Dec. 16. 20. & 31 are duly received. In reply to the first (Yours of the 18th) making a requisition for funds, I shall take an early occasion (in the course of the present month) to send you the coin reserved for Assay, which when it has served its purpose, can be transferred to my credit.

I send also paper marked C. which may serve you in making your annual report to the President. I despatch it without waiting for the Stand. Weight of the Bullion received in Decem. since the coin has been verified, and a delay here might prevent a full return of our Coinage in your Annual report.

In Yours of the 29th ulto you wish me to give you any information that it may be necessary to present to the President in your Annual report; I know of nothing worthy of remark, the machinery and apparatus are in fine working order, - the stock of materials is sufficient for some months to come, and we commence a new year under the most auspicious circumstances.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

Jno. H. Wheeler
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

C.

Gold Bullion received for Coinage and the Coinage from 1st Jan 1839 to 31st Dec. 1839 inclusive at the Branch of U.S. Mint at Charlotte N C

Bullion				Coinage				
month	Oz	dec.	Value Dollars cts.	½ Ea.	¼ Ea.	Value Dolls. cts.		Date of Reception by Treas.r
January	319	694	5947 48					
Febuary	627	770	11679 14	2.204		11.020		19th Feb.
March	467	390	8695 24		5.892	14.730		16th March
April	184	987	3441 38	1944		9720		2 april
				2.084	.....	10.420		16. do.
May	1.063	637	19787 94		4.868	12 170		16 " May
June	468	370	8713 38	1.172		5.860		17th June
July	894	373	16638 98	2.545	2544	27.145		10th July
				1.612	.....	.....		30. do.
August	697	961	12984 85					
Sept.	131	662	2449 34	2.704		13 520		11th Sept.
				2464.	.....	12 320	....	24. do
Oct.	1.003	682	18672 46		1.533	3 832	50	7th Oct.
Nov.	451	378	8397 33	3.507		17 535		21st Nov.
				3.160	3336.	8 340	...	9. do
						10 800	...	30 do
Dec.				1 071		5 355		31 do
	6.310	904	117 407 52	23 467	18.173	182.767. 50		Total

6,310.904
506.826
6,817.730

From/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint
Charlotte, N.C.
Jan. 8. } 1840.
Rec'd " 18. }

Report for December

January 1840

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Tribble

Office of the Assayer, Melter & Refiner
U. S. Br. Mint Charlotte N.C. 10 Jany 1840.

R. M. Wheeler Esqr.
Supt &c.

Sir

During the Month of Decem.r last I received from the Treasurer 1.131 $\frac{735}{1000}$ Stan.d Ounces of Gold Bullion, and returned 1454 $\frac{460}{1000}$ Ounces of Standard Ingots for Coin.

All deposites of that Month have been assayed.

During the last year I have received Gold Bullion to the Amount of 15.512 $\frac{413}{1000}$ Stan.d Ounces, and have delivered in standard Ingots 15.507 $\frac{849}{1000}$ - leaving a balance of 4 $\frac{564}{1000}$ Ounces Stan.d. The grains and filings collected from the last Melt weigh 3 $\frac{610}{1000}$ - showing a loss of $\frac{954}{1000}$ ths of an Ounce throughout the year.

By smelting a certain weight taken from different parcels of the sweeps of the two past years, and their subsequent Assay, I am induced to believe that the whole deficiency claimed as wastage at the termination of the last year, will be made up by the returns obtained from the sweeps, a large quantity of which will soon be prepared for transmission to Philadelphia by the order of the Director.

The Standard Ingots prepared during the last year have been melted in 18 pots, which averaged above 861 Stan.d ounces each.

Of the whole amount of Gold Bullion received during the year 6.271 $\frac{86}{100}$ Ounces gross weight have been subjected to the processes of parting, which required 15 Melts of Ingots for lamination.

The Silver originally obtained by purchase to aid the operations of the Refinery was

	Ozs. Stan.d
	1.239. 200
That separated from deposites in 1838	457. 917
Do 1839	391. 419
Stan.d Ozs.	2.088. 536.

I have now in my vault 2.066 ounces of fine Silver equal in value to 2.295 $\frac{55}{100}$ Stan.d It is impossible to promise any expeditious movements in the Refinery with a less amount of fine Silver than I now possess. I strongly desire that at least 2000 ounces of fine silver should remain to assist in processes, which at this Mint, have frequently subjected us to delays. There is still some silver remaining in acid in the Refinery besides that which is held in the sweeps.

I am respectfully
J. H. Gibbon
Assayer M. & Refiner

From/

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Jan. 11. 1840.
Recd " 20. "

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Single.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 11 Jany 1840.

Sir

The Assay reports of the Deposites of last month, being now made, enable me to give the Stan.d Weight of those deposites which is 506. $\frac{826}{1000}$ Ozs = in value to $9.428.88, making the amount of Gold Bullion received at this Mint from 1 Jany to 31 Decem.r 1839 (inclusive) to be 6.817 $\frac{730}{1000}$ Ozs, equal in value to $126.836.40. The Coinage already reported of that year is $162.767.50. by which you perceive our Coinage exceeds our receipts of Bullion, which demonstrates that we have been at our posts, and not idle during the year.

I also enclose a copy of the Report of the Assayer, Metter and Refiner to me. You will observe that he states that the Silver procured by purchase is 1.239. Ozs. 200 decs. Stan.d and that there has been separated & paid for in deposites in 1838. 457. 917 " Ozs. dec.

D.o " 1839 391. 419. 2.088. 536.

and that he needs this amount for refining and separating purposes.

Of course then, of the Silver separated, he has not returned any bars to me, and as in recent deposites there is Silver reported and due to Depositors, this brings me to the point, that I respectfully wish to call your attention to.

The sum total that I have received from the United States to pay for silver parted from deposites of Gold in July 1838. was. $2.000.00.

from this sum as by your directions I must deduct the purchases of Silver and which is in the Metter's hands now } 1.442.00

I have also paid for Silver separated from deposites in the year 1838. 532.76

also for the year 1839 455.46. $2.430.22

You will readily perceive that this Bullion a/c has been overdrawn or rather over=paid by $430.22.; and it is not in my power to pay Depositors for Silver which is now due. It is with you to remedy this. It can be done either, 1st by the Metter & Refiner returning to me the Silver separated from deposites, and this silver sent to you in bars: but this plan is objectionable on the ground that the Metter assures me that he needs the amount in his hands now, as he states "that it is im=possible to promise any expeditious movements in the Refinery with a less amount." Therefore will this be prudent? or 2d. it may be remedied by placing in the Silver Bullion fund an additional sum of $1.000. under the provisions of the Law "to supply metal for Coinage", which can be done without inconvenience to the Government, by a transfer draft. It is not desirable to me to make

any requisition on the Treasury more than the absolute exigencies of the Mint require: but I have no fund to pay depositors for the silver bullion separated from their Gold, and as there are sums now due, and more will daily accrue, this matter requires prompt attention; which I am sure you will give it. Shall I make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for this sum?

It is true that the balance sheet of the Mint comprising both Gold & Silver Bullion, will show that the fund to pay for silver in deposites has been exhausted, and this might come out of the Gold Bullion; but it must be evident that a union of these a/cs will produce confusion, and my instructions are to keep them separate and distinct.

If the Comptroller had allowed the last voucher for the purchase of Silver of $250. and not directed the bullion a/c of the Melter & Refiner to be charged with the Silver purchased; which you also directed (and which I in vain endeavoured to obtain a different decision) this difficulty would not have occurred: for the Amount placed in my hands of $2000. would have sustained the withdrawal of the silver paid for in deposites during the years '38 & '39 ($849. 336 Ozs. dwts) and still left a fund sufficient for the coming year. - which (as the Melter needs no more for separation) when paid to Depositors would be returned to me in bars by the Melter & Refiner, and be received at your Mint for similar uses.

But under the instructions and directions, I have received and complied with, the result is, that the silver to pay Depositors is exhausted and that fund must be resupplied in such manner as you may deem best.

I shall send on the assay coin of this Mint by Mr. Springs, who leaves here on the 20th. for Phila.

Your suggestions in yours of 31 ult.o as regards the funds for the interim, between this and the passage of the appropriation by Congress have been considered. I have made application to the Bank of the State of N.C.a and can obtain it, I expect, by paying interest, and giving approved security. Can you not make some arrangement with some in Phila. for me?

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Jno. A. Kuhn

Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 22d Jany 1840.

Sir

Yours of the 8th Inst was duly received, and in regard to its subject matter, "the annual product of the Gold Mines" of this region, I reply, that I shall take such steps, as will secure accurate information on the subject and report it to you.

In a letter of date 2d Inst, the Sec: of the Treasury communicated the resolution of the Senate to me, with a similar request.

I send by this opportunity the Coin reserved for Assay in 1839 at this Branch. Over is the Amt as also the Amt of the assay slips. The total amount Three Hundred and Thirty Six $\frac{54}{100}$ Dollars - I deposite in your hands to pay the expenses of this Branch of the Mint at Phila, for which be pleased to send me a receipt for the Amount if found correct.

The entry of Profit & Loss, as directed in your instructions of 2d Nov. last, has been strictly complied with, thus Journal 31 Decr 1839

Profit & Loss

To Coiner's a/c of Gold Dr.

For this Amt wasted or destroyed in the operations of Coiner from 1st Jany 1839 to date on 15. 505 $\frac{361}{1000}$ Ozs Standd Gold, delivered to him within that time, as per Certificate marked — 23. $\frac{757}{1000}$ Ozs = $432.68.

What kind of Certificate should be given to accompany this entry & who gives it?

You will perceive by this entry that the wastage of the Coiner is not "merely nominal", as your letter of 3d Decr anticipated.

Another point on which I wish your opinion. In settling the wastage a/cs of the Coiner and Melter & Refiner, the law (Secs: 23 & 28 of Act of 18 Jany 1837) as you observe, in your letter of 26 Sept. 1838 "is explicit" The

law says "once at least in every year, at such time as the Director shall appoint" these Officers, "shall deliver to the Treasurer, all the bullion in their possession".

Your's of the 26th Sept. 1838, uses very near the same language "they must return to the Treasurer all the Gold and Silver in their possession." Then, is an <u>actual delivery</u> required by law and the usage of the Mint, or will a balance struck and acknowledged, answer?

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Jno. W. Hunter
Sup. of U. S. B. Mint

D. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Gold reserved for Assay in 1839.

Bullion		No. of melt	Ozs.	decs.	Dolls.	cts	Coin		Ozs.	decs.	Dolls.	cts
January	29	No. 1.		130	2.	41	4 - ½ & Feby	19	1.	075	20.	00
February	28	2 & 3		270	5.	02	12 - ¼ & March	16.	1.	612	30.	00
March	14	4.		110	2.	04	4 - ½ " April	2	1.	075	20.	00
	30	5		120	2.	23	4 - ½	16.	1.	075	20.	00
April	18	6.		130	2.	41	8 - ¼ May	16.	1.	075	20.	00
May	31	7.		170	3.	16	2 - ½ June	17		537	10.	00
June	27	8.		100	1.	86	5 - ½ July	10	1.	345	25.	00
July	17	9 & 10.		240	4.	45	2 - ½	30		537	10.	00
August	24	11.		170	3.	16	4 - ¼	"		537	10.	00
Sept.r	7	12.		120	2.	24	4 - ½ Sept.r	11	1.	075	20.	00
	17.	13.		110	2.	04	4 - ½	24	1.	075	20.	00
Novem.r	6.	14 & 15.		280	5.	21	3 - ¼ Oct.r	7		404	7.	50
	23.	16.		130	2.	42	7 - ½ Novem.r	21	1.	883	35.	00
Dec.r	11	17		110.	2.	04	6 - ¼ Decem.r	9		806	15.	00
	19.	18.		180	3.	35.	4 - ½	30.	1.	075	20.	00
			2.	370.	44.	04	2 - ½	31		538	10.	00
									15.	724.	292.	50

15. 922

	Ozs.	decs.	Dolls.	cts.
Bullion	2.	370.	44.	04
Coin	15.	724.	292.	50
Total.	18.	094.	336.	54.

From
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint.
Charlotte, N. C.
Jan 22 / 40.

Rec'd Feb. 3d.

Mint U.S.
Feb 3/1861.

Sir,

Mr. Springs has just brought to me the box containing the second pieces from your Mint for the Annual Assay to be held on Mond ay next. I have not yet opened the box, but may take it for granted that all is correct. I lose no time in thus acknowledging the receipt of it, as I have thought that you might probably have some anxiety about it, — as I certainly had.

Your letter of the 22d ult., received by Mr Springs, shall have my early attention.

R. M. P.
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To
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt U. S. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To
Col. Wm. H. Wheeler
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Feb. 3/40.

February 1840

Office of Assayer Melter & Refiner
U. S. Branch Mint Charlotte N.C.a
February 4th 1840.

J. H. Wheeler Esqr.
Supt. &c.

Sir

All deposits received during the last month have been assayed. No transfer of Bullion was made during that month. Eleven iron bound barrels have been packed with sweeps. I am waiting for more barrels (which were promised some time ago) to complete the packing. We shall probably have in all 15 barrels.

It would economize the cost of transportation, to have these sweeps shipped directly to Europe from Charleston – and if it is desired I could send parcels from each years sweeps to be tested in Philadelphia. This however is at the pleasure of the Director.

To anticipate the demands of the ensuing season and have our supplies forwarded during a favourable part of the year, I subjoin a requisition for various articles required in my apartments.

I am respectfully
J. H. Gibbon
Assayer Melter & Refiner

For the year 1840.

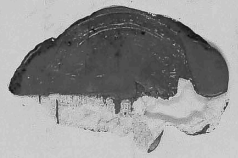
16 Carboys common nitric acid
2. Do. Sulphuric acid
1. Do. pure nitric acid
1 Box of Zinc
2 casks black lead Pots No 30.
2 Casks three covered Hessian crucibles
1 Keg of Salt-petre
1 wire and chain for separating apparatus
6 Wooden basins to wash sweeps
6 strong wooden, iron bound buckets.
1 Dozen dust pans.
2 setts of wooden tongs for Assay room
1000. Cupels

J. H. Gibbons, Assayer Metter Refiner

From/ Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Rec'd Feb. 4. } 1840.
" 14. }

Report for January.



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Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

double only }

CHARLOTTE

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca. 4 Feby 1840.

Sir

I have the honor to report the proceedings of this Branch of the U. S. Mint for the Month of January.

The paper A. will show the Amount and Kind of Gold Bullion for Coinage.

There has been no Coinage executed during this Month, no Ingots having been made, or transferred to the Coiner for this purpose.

The Report of the Assayer, Melter & Refiner, is herewith submitted, copy marked B. Appended thereto is a requisition for sundry articles needed for this Mint for the present year, which I beg that you will have furnished at as early a day as possible, as the Winter and Spring is the most favourable season for transportation.

Your's of the 24th Ulto is duly received, and by the same mail I received from you under the frank of the Secretary of the Treasury two pairs of half Eagle Dies for the present year.

I have called the particular attention of the Coiner to the diameters of the Dies, and the allowance for expansion of the metal. He also destroyed by heating the Dies, and cutting across the face by a chisel in my presence 4 pairs of Quarter Eagle Dies and Three pairs of half Eagle Dies, which had been used at this Branch for the Coinage of 1838 and 1839, which are ~~the~~ "all the Dies now at this Mint, which are out of date," and which were thoroughly defaced -

Very respectfully
Your ob. Servant

Dr. R M Patterson
Director of the Mint
Phila.

Jno H Wheeler
Supt.

A.

Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the Branch Mint of the United States at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 31 January 1840.

Date of Depo:	Date of Assay	Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dees.	Stand. Weight Ozs.	dees.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions.	
Janj. 6.	Janj. 9.	U. S. Bullion	5.	88	6.	015	111.	89	111.	89
8.	21.	"	4.	94	5.	131	95.	45	95.	45
13.	"	"	15.	69	16.	786	312.	28	312.	28
14.	"	"	10.	21	9.	131	169.	86	169.	86
"	"	"	20.	21	17.	628	327.	91	327.	91
20	"	"	33.	15	31.	086	578.	33	578.	33
21.	Febj 3	"	9.	39	8.	501	158.	15	158.	15
"	"	"	9.	60	8.	330	154.	96	154.	96
27.	"	"	18.	09	11.	033	205.	25	205.	25
28.	"	"	129.	02	121.	730	2.264.	60	2.255.	26
"	"	"	20.	46	19.	731	367.	06	367.	06
29	"	"	5.	77	4.	351	80.	93	80.	93
"	"	"	6.	10	6.	024	112.	06	112.	06
"	"	"	7.	55	7.	398	137.	62	137.	62
31.	"	"	17.	48	13.	904	258.	67	258.	67
			313.	54	286.	779	5.335.	02	5.325.	68

Mint N. O.
Feb. 5. '40.

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending, by the present mail, to be forwarded under your frank, a box containing two pairs of quarter eagle dies, for the Supt. of the Br. Mint at Charlotte, to whom it is addressed on the inner envelope.

R. M. P.

To/
Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treas.

Same as above, with dies for Dahlonega, on the 6th.

To / Hon. Levi Woodbury
Sec. of Treas.

Feb. 5. 1840, and
Feb. 6. 1840.

Treasury Department
February 4. 1840.

Sir

Your communication of the 3rd inst and the box of dies referred to have been received. The box has been forwarded to the branch Mint at Charlotte.

Refering to your letter of the 3rd received yesterday I have to request, that you will transmit to the Department the reasons assigned by the Superintendant of the Br. Mint at N. Orleans for not having furnished a statement of the operations of that branch for the past year — and if such reasons have not been received by you, to write to the Superintendant to furnish them without delay.

Very Respectfully

Levi Woodbury

Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philada

From Sec. of Treasury.

Feb. 7. } 1840.
Recd " 10. }

20/

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Feb. 12. 1840.

Mint of the United States,
Feb. 12. 1840.

Sir,

The Annual assay of the reserved coins of the Mint & branches, was held on the 10th inst., at the Mint, in accordance with the 32d Sect. of the Mint Act of Jan. 1837. The report of the commissioners, so far as relates to your Mint, states that the coins transmitted under seal to the Director having been counted, their number was found in every case to correspond with the endorsements upon the parcels: that, having been ~~being~~ weighed, they were found to exceed the standard declared by law, by one part in two thousand five hundred & fifteen; and that having been assayed, their fineness was found to be inferior to standard by one part in two thousand; in both respects within the legal limits. The Commissioners therefore approved ~~[illegible]~~ the coinage of your Branch Mint, for the year 1839.

Herewith I send you a receipt for the amount of the reserved coins, and also of the assay slips received during the year. The latter, which is from the weight found by our assayer, exceeds a little the amount ~~weight~~ given in your memorandum of the 22d ult.

R. M. P.

(To)
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint, Charlotte.

Mint of the United States,
Feb. 12. 1840.

I have Received, from Col. Jno. H. Wheeler, Acting Treasurer of Charlotte Br. Mint, Standard gold as follows: ~~xxx~~ Assay-Slips sent during the year 1839, weighing $2\frac{508}{1000}$ ounces, and Coins for the Annual assay, weighing $15\frac{724}{1000}$ ounces;- in all $18\frac{232}{1000}$ ounces, equal in value to $339.16.

$339. 16

R. M. P.

2.508 = 46.66
15.724 = 292.50
18.232 = 339.16

2.508
800
43 / 2006.400 (4666
172
284
258
284
258
261
258
40

292.50
43
87750
117000
800 / 12577.50 (15721
800
4577
4000
5775
5600
1750
1600
1500

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 21 Feby 1840.

Sir

Inclosed you will find assay slip No. 1 of this year of weight $\frac{110}{1000}$ths of an Oz and of fineness. 900.

Your letters of the 3d. 5th & 12th are duly received, the latter affording the agreeable information of the verification by the Board of Commissioners under the Mint Act of Jany 1837 of our Coinage for the year 1839.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Jno. H. Wheeler
Superintendent.

I certify the transmission
J H Gibbon.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

Col. Geo. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

Feb. 21.
Rec'd " 28. } 1840.

Mint Office
Feb. 26 / 46.

Sir,

In my letter of the 15th inst., I promised to give you the advice you ask as to the disposition to be made of your sweep. I now fulfil this promise, after consultation with Mr. Peale.

You will please, then, to put up your sweep in barrels, carefully weighing the contents of each.

You will take, from each barrel, a portion, extending from the top to the bottom, drawn out in the way employed by the inspectors of flour.

These portions of sweep are to be carefully mixed together, and a specimen to be taken out, of the exact weight of 2 lbs. troy, to be sent to us. This specimen is to have the same degree of moisture in it as the sweep in the barrels. It is then to be soldered up in a tin canister, and sent to our Mint.

The barrels of sweep are to be sent, by you, to London, to Percival N. Johnson, Esq., 79 Hatton Garden,

with instructions to him to have ~~them~~ ~~refine from metals~~ gold separated from them, and the ~~x~~ net proceeds returned to you, in the same manner as he has managed corresponding business for this Mint.

P. M. P.
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To/
Cl. John H. Wheeler,
Supt Bo. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

P. S. A cask of crucibles was shipped to your agents in Charleston, by Mess. Bohlen, on the 21st inst. These are round crucibles and were imported ~~ordered~~ for your Mint, under the impression that you preferred them. The cask contains, per invoice, "80 nests, 5 in a nest".

To/
Col. Jas. D. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Feb. 26. 1840.

Mint of the United States,
Feb. 29. 1840.

Sir,

The slip from your Melt No. 1, in 1840, was duly received. Its fineness proves to be 900½, by Mr. Eckfeldt's assay, - of course quite satisfactory.

Very resp.y,
your faithf.l servt.,
(Signed) R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To,
Col. Jas. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint
Charlotte
N. C.

To

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,

Sup. Bd. Mint

Charlotte, N.C.

Feb. 29. 1840

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 29 February 1840

Sir

I have the honor to report the proceedings of this Branch of the Mint of the United States for the Month (of February) ending this day.

The Paper A, will show the Amt. Kind &c of Gold Bullion deposited for Coinage for the Month.

The Paper B, being a copy of the Coiners Report, will show the Amount and Kind of Coinage executed.

Yours of the 15th Inst has been duly received; I am aware that the amount of Wastage claimed by & allowed to the Coiner is the very maximum allowed by law, and it is a matter however much I may regret is not controllable by me. In conformity to law that Officer delivered over to me at the end of the year, all the Gold in his possession, and adding this to his credit as well as the full amount allowable for Wastage his a/c did not balance by $\frac{950}{1000}$ for which Amount he gave me a receipt as if Bullion to that amount had been placed in his hands. I am certain that it was a bona fide delivery of all the Gold in his possession, and by no means "a mere fiction derived from the terms of the Law". The Coiner on consultation is fully aware of the excessive amount claimed by him as Wastage, and much regrets it. The Annual Assay showed that the Coin was found too heavy, and to exceed the Stand. allowed by law, by one part in two thousand, five hundred and fifteen, and he did not in the whole course of the year claim or receive the .05 in a draft of 300 Ozs of Ingots as allowed by yours of 20 Dec.r last.

I am aware that had the above been claimed and allowed that the Amt. of Wastage would still be large; but it is equally certain that all the Gold in the Coiner's possession was delivered up to me as Treasurer.

Very respectfully Your Obt. Servt
Jno. A. Wheiler, Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Phila

From

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt Br. Mint
Charlotte,
Feb. 29. 1840.
Rec'd March 5. "
Report for February

March 1840

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 4th March 1840.

Sir

Your's of the 26th Ulto. communicating directions as regards the Sweeps has been duly received. The Report of Dr. Gibbon (a copy of which is over,) shows that he has already sent to Charleston 3.279 lbs. He seems disposed to take the matter in his own hands, and on my applying to him, states that he will write to you on the subject. If you wish me to take charge of them, you will be pleased to indicate that wish to Dr. Gibbon in reply to his letter.

I have made a detailed report to the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject of the Annual production of the Gold Mines of this Section from the time of their discovery. I have been diligent in collating information from intellegent sources for some time past, but I regret that all the information as yet collected, does not enable me to make out as satisfactory a report as I could wish. I have received authentic extracts from Intelligent persons and Merchants Bullion a/cs, and I have arrived at the following conclusions which I have submitted with much diffidence. 1st That the Coinage of the Mints of the U. States from the Mines of No. Ca. has been nearly $3.000.000.
2d That this Coinage does not give the total products of the Mines; for various reasons therein set forth.
3d That the Annual Amount produced by the Mines is $400.000. and data upon which this is founded

Coined at the Charlotte Mint in 1839	162.767.50
" " Philadelphia " " (estimated)	50.000.00
" " Bechtler's Establishment estimated from his books	150.000.00
Sold in New York & sent to Europe to Manufacturers & others	37.232.50
	$400.000.00

4th That the total products from the discovery of the Mines to the present has been Ten Millions of Dollars. and the data upon which this is founded.

Coined at the U. S. Mints	$3.000.000
Passed through Bechtlers hands as extracted from his Books	3.625.000.
Sold to Manufacturers, shipped to Europe &c &c	3.375.000
	$10.000.000

I regret that the Roof of this Mint is again in a leaky state, I have at this time two workmen on it, doing all we can to cure its defects, and I have been with them most of the day myself.

The end of the present Month is also the end of the Quarter, when the Salaries of Officers and the Wages of men are due. I have early brought this to your attention, and also to the attention of the Secretary of the Treasury. In a letter of 30 Jany last the Secretary of the Treasury concludes, "your request must wait an appropriation for the object to be made by Congress." So I suppose it must be. I have thus far, paid from funds which my individual resources have created, and not suffered the Government to be discredited by not paying those who labour faithfully in its service. But I cannot long continue this. Can you aid me by any further advice? How have the other Branches surmounted the difficulty?

I have the honor to be

Very respect fully

Your Ob^{t} Servt

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Phil^{a}

Jno. H. Reich
Superintendent

U. S. Branch Mint Charlotte N.C.
Office of Assayer Melter & Refiner
3 March 1840

R. M. Reuler Esqr.
Supt &c.

Sir

Since the commencement of this year I have received from the Treasurer 1292 180/1000 Ounces Stand. Gold Bullion, and returned 863 530/1000 Ounces of Stand. Ingots during the last Month.

All deposites made in February have been assayed.

The Directors instructions with regard to the "Sweeps" communicated in his letter of 26th ulto, which I received to day, shall be carefully fulfilled as far as I now have it in my power. Nine Barrels Containing [redacted] 279 lbs have been sent to Charleston according to the direction first given. A letter by post however will enable me to give them their proper destination. We have retained samples of the two years Sweeps, which I think will prove fair specimens. In future the peculiar arrangement proposed by the Director will be fully carried out.

I am respectfully
(Signed) J. R. Gibbon

From
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler
Supt Br. Mint.
Charlotte, N.C.
March 4
Rec'd " 11. 1840.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

A

Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the Branch Mint of the U. States at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 29 February 1840.

Date of Depo:	Date of Assay	Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs	dees.	Stand. Weight Ozs.	dees.	Value before deductions		Value after deductions	
Feby 4.	Feby 10.	U. S. Bullion	395.	06	355.	782	6.619.	06	6.597.	24
6.	"	"	4.	88	5.	214	97.	00	97.	00
10	20.	"	9.	60	9.	631	179.	16	179.	16
"	11.	"	88.	45	77.	131	1.434	95	1.425.	33
12	20.	"	8.	05	8.	165	151.	89	151.	89
13.	"	"	5.	50	5.	707	106.	17	106.	17
"	"	"	55.	40	51.	583.	959.	66	959.	11
14	"	"	13.	17	10.	636	197.	86	197.	86
17	21.	"	5.	20	5.	528	102.	83	102.	83
"	20.	"	70.	00	62.	643	1.165.	43	1.156.	90
18	"	"	6.	86	6.	851	127.	45	127.	45
20	"	"	42.	36	38.	836	722.	50	722.	50
"	21.	"	7.	80	6.	404	119.	13	119.	13
"	20.	"	12.	28	10.	463	194.	64	194.	52
21	26.	"	9.	18	5.	447.	101.	33.	101.	33
24	"	"	300.	65	293.	968	5.469.	15	5.469.	15
"	"	"	8.	22	8.	685	161.	56	161.	56
"	"	"	6.	66	6.	226	115.	82	115.	82
26.	"	"	9.	49.	9.	278	172.	60.	172.	60.
			1.058.	71	978.	178	18.198.	19	18.157.	55

B

Coiner's Office U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 29 Feby 1840.

Sir

In compliance with the usages of this Branch of the U. S. Mint, I have the honor of reporting to you the amount of Coinage executed during this Month to be in half Eagles, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy Two Pieces equal to Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Dollars, which will be delivered to the Treasurer immediately after the Verification is received, or sooner if you request it from

Your humble Servt
(Signed) John R. Bolton Coiner

T. H. Wheeler Esq.
Supt. &c.

1,972 Half Eagles $9,860.

Assayer Melter & Refiners Office
United States Branch Mint
Charlotte, North Carolina.
5 March 1840

Percival. N. Johnson Esq.
79. Hatton Garden
London.

Sir,

In accordance with the wish of the Director of the Mint, I send you the "Assays" of this Institution with the request that you will have the Gold separated from them and the nut Rounds returned to me in the same manner in which you have managed corresponding Assays for the Melter Mint in Philadelphia according to the instructions of Franklin Peale Esq — the Melter & Refiners.

I am respectfully &c J. H Gibbon

over —

Assayer Melter & Refiners
United States B. M. at Charlotte

N.B. The "Lamps" will be forwarded through our agent here, Lafitte & Brother, Charleston, South Carolina. Who will send you bills of lading &c by whom you will please communicate with me.

P.H. Gibbon.

Percival N. Johnson Esq.
79 Hatton Garden
London

per mail

Charleston March 11. 1840

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Annexed We hand you B/L per Brig Paul J. Jones for Nine Casks Swaps rec.d per Waggon from Dr. J. H. Gibbon Melter & Refiner U. S. Br. Mint Charlotte N. C. and for one Cask Blk lead Pots rec.d from Col. J. H. Wheeler Superintendent to be forwarded to you which We wish Safe to hand

We have Charged expences to the Br. Mint at Charlotte and Send you duplicate B/L by the Vessel

Very Respectfully your S.

A. Gaffitt & Brother

From/
Mess. Lafitte & Bros.
Charleston,
S.C.
March 11.
Rec'd " 16. 1840.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Penn.

CHARLESTON
MAR 12
S.C.

SHIPPED in good order and well-conditioned, by **A. LAFITTE & BROTHER,**

Sold by Burges & Walker, 85 East-Bay.

on board the good Brig called the Paul T Jones whereof Ireland is Master for the present voyage, now lying in the port of **Charleston,** and bound for Philadelphia — To say:

U S M Nine Casks Sweeps
One Hhd Blk Lead Pots

being marked and numbered as in the margin and are to be delivered in the like good order and well-conditioned, at the aforesaid port of Philadelphia (the danger of the Seas only excepted) unto The Director of the United States Mint or to his assigns, he or they paying freight for the said Casks at One Dollar pr Cask and Four Dollars for Hhd

with — primage and average accustomed. **In Witness Whereof,** the master or agent of the said vessel hath affirmed to 4 Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated in **Charleston,** the 11th day of March 1840.

John Ireland

"per Paul T. Jones"

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Charleston March 11. 1840

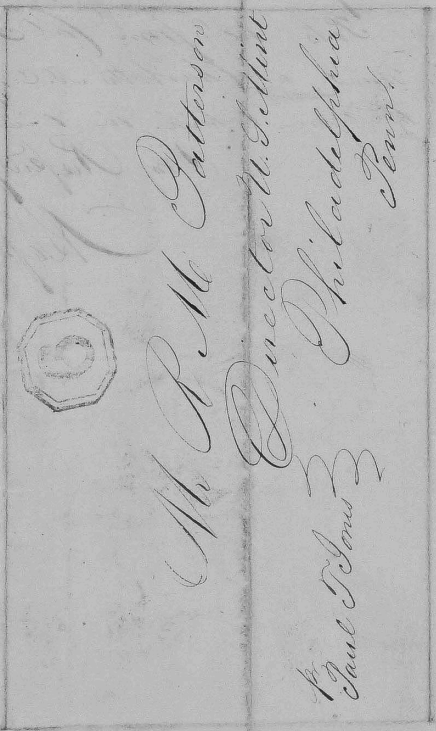
Dear Sir

Annexed we hand you duplicate B/L for Nine Casks Sweeps received from Dr. J. H. Gibbon Melter & Refiner & one Cask Old lead Pots rec.d from Col. J. Hoheuler Superintendant U. S. Br. Mint at Charlotte N.C., for which we send by this Mail B/L to you, which we wish Safe to hand

Very Respectfully your S.

A. Saffitt & Brother

From
Messrs. Lafitte & Bros.
Charleston, S.C.
March 11
Recd " 26. 1840.



(Confidential.)

Mint U. S.
March 12 / 40.

Sir,

In the accompanying letter on the subject of the Coinage and production of U. S. gold, ~~sent herewith~~, you will see that I do not attach much weight to Col. Wheeler's estimates ~~sent~~ furnished to you, and the results of which he has sent to me. It is right that I should give you some reasons for my want of faith.

The question is as to the production ~~of 1839~~ of the Mines in the section in which the Charlotte Mint is situate, and the first item for his estimate is $162,767.50 coined in 1839 at that Mint; whereas he should have given the amount ~~sent~~ deposited for coinage during that time, which was but $126,836. The ~~rest~~ balance of coined gold belongs to the deposites of 1838.

Our deposites, in 1839, from North Carolina, amounted to $53,500, so that Col. Wheeler's estimate was nearly correct.

The Coinage at Bechtler's Establishment, in 1839, is estimated, by Col. Wheeler, at $150,000, and this estimate is said to be drawn from Bechtler's books. ~~How~~ The other estimates

the amount of gold "passed through Bechtler's hands" altogether, at $3,625,000. —
These estimates astonish me greatly. I have now before me a letter from Mr. Bechtler in which he says that "since the Mint at Charlotte has gone into operation his establishment has so lost in the former custom that it will hardly justify continuation." ~~Have also a letter from another part of the gold regs~~ Is it credible then that he should carry on a coinage equal to that of the Mint itself? Then as to the $3,625,000 worth of gold which has "passed through his hands." If this be in coins, what has become of them. I have before me a letter, from a part of the gold region, in which it is said, "C. Bechtler's and T. Reid's coins would pass current at their nominal value; but gold, either in the form of bullion or coin, forms no part of the currency of the country." It is not, then, to be inferred that there are some four millions of these coins in the gold regions, and they certainly are not to be found in the form of coins here. But if they have been melted down, or if, by "passing through Bechtler's hands," it be implied merely that grains have been melted into bars and assayed, then this item is

involved with the last, under the head of "sold to manufacturers, shipped to Europe, &c.", and is thus, except as to ## Bechtler's coins now existing, counted twice.

As to the last item, the ~~only~~ amounts ~~note~~ seem to have been chosen with the view of making up the round sums of $400,000 for the annual production, and $10,000,000 for the total production. — The ~~estimate~~ (if it can be called) of $37,232½ for the annual amount sold to manufacturers and exported, does not seem to me to be extravagant; but I must call upon you to observe, that, at this rate, it would take ~~up~~ more than ninety years, to make up the corresponding item in the estimate of total products, the amount "sold to manufacturers, shipped to Europe, &c." being there set down at $3,375,000.

Again (See over)

R. M. P.
D. M.

W/
Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of T.

Sec. of Treasury,

March 12, 1840.
(Confidential)

Ryan: the annual production is estimated at 400,000; and it would therefore require 25 years to make up the estimated total production of ten-millions, — while it is but 15 years since gold was first found in North Carolina, when $3000 worth only was brought to the Mint.

Mint of the United States,
March 27. 1840.

Sir,

I forward to you the Annexed Bill of Lading for Acid Shipped on the 20th, as per your last order, viz: 16 Carboys, Common Nitric, — 2 Carboys Sulphuric, — & 1 of pure Nitric.

I send also a Statement of the Account of your Branch, for the first Quarter of 1840, ~~together~~ with vouchers accompanying.

R. M. P. —

~~per Geo. F. Denning,~~
~~Director's Clerk.~~

To/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte,
N.C.

To/

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,

Supt. Br. Mint,

Charlotte, N.C.

March 28. 1840.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. 31 March 1840.

Sir

I have the honor of reporting the proceedings of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of March.

The Paper marked A. will show you the Amount and Kind of Deposites received for Coinage during the Month.

There has been no Coinage executed during the Month – the Ingots having been transferred by the Melter & Refiner on this date only to the Treasurer for that purpose.

A Copy of the report of the Coiner is herewith submitted marked B.

All the Deposites received during the Month for Coinage have been assayed.

A Copy of the Report of the Assayer Melter & Refiner is herewith submitted marked C.

I have the honor to be
Very respect fully
Your Obt. Servt

Jno. H. Wheeler
Superintendent

P. S. Inclosed is assay slip No 2.
reported to be of the fineness 899 5/
and weighing 120 ths of an Ounce.
1000

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

B.

Coiners Office U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 31 March 1840

Sir

I have the honor of reporting to you the Machinery and Apparatus in my department in good order.

No Coinage to report this Month.

Yours respectfully
(Signed) John R. Bolton
Coiner

J. H. Wheeler Esq.r
Supt. &c.

C.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 31 March 184

J. H. Wheeler Esq.r
Supt. &c

Sir

During the present Month 985 10/100 Ounces of Stand.d Ingots have been delivered to the Treasurer and 1059 606/1000 Ounces Standard of Gold Bullion have been received principally for the purpose of parting Silver. All deposites rec.d during the Month have been assayed.

I am respectfully
J. H. Gibbon
Assayer Melter & Refiner.

From/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
March 31.
Rec'd April 8. 1840.
(Report for March.)

April 1840

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

3 Sealed

CHARLOTTE
APR
7
N.C.

Mint U. S.

April 9, 1840.

Sir,

I have duly received yours of the 31st ult., with a report of the operations of your Branch in March, and inclosing an assay slip from your Melt No. 2. This slip has been examined, and is reported to be of Standard fineness.

R. M. P.

To

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Charlotte,
N.C.

April 9. 1840.

U. S. Br. Mint Assayer's Office
7th April 1840

Sir

I have sent 3 loads to the charge of A. La fitte & Brother Charleston, (Sexteen Casks and One Box of Sweeps,) estimated to weigh 5681 lbs gross. The last parcel of Seven casks was sent away in my absence yesterday, without being weighed and marked here, according to your directions. The shipment of the two first loads was made to Philadelphia before your instructions for their direct transmission to London from Charleston arrived there — and I thought it best to have the whole sent to you.

Messrs La fitte & Brother inform me they should know the probable value of the invoice in order to have the Amt entered in the Vessel's manifest. Your trial of the Sweeps which are forwarded in the Box, will aid me in such calculations for the future.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
R. M. Patterson
Assayer Melter & Refiner

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
Dr. Jno. W. Gibbon,
Assayer U.S. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

April 7, 1840.

Recd " 15. "

A.

Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the Branch Mint of the United States at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 31 March 1840.

Date of Depo:	Date of Assay	Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec.	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dec.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
March 3.	March 10.	N. S. Bullion	5.	85	5.	381	100.	10	100.	10
5	"	"	6.	82	6.	394	118.	95	118.	95
9.	"	"	91.	25	92.	721	1.724.	99	1.723.	82
"	18	"	5.	85	6.	167	114.	72	114.	72
10	"	"	7.	72	7.	573	140.	88	140.	88
16	"	"	6.	23	6.	497	120.	86	120.	86
17	"	"	6.	25	6.	304	117.	27	117.	27
18	"	"	7.	94	7.	965	148.	17	148.	17
23	31	"	44.	40	37.	196	692.	01	685.	50
24	"	"	9.	48	9.	736	181.	08	181.	08
30	"	"	6.	78	3.	705	68.	92	68.	92
"	"	"	6.	43	6.	451	120.	00	120.	00
31	"	"	8.	03	7.	690	143.	06	143.	06
"	"	"	6.	27	5.	782	107.	55	107.	55
			219.	30	209.	562	3.898.	56	3.890.	88

A.

Deposites of Gold Bullion rec.d for Coinage at the Branch of the United States Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 30th April 1840.

Date of Deposite	Date of Assay	Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Value before deductions		Value after deductions.	
April 1.	April 6	U. S. Bullion	7.	45	7.	457	138.	73	138.	73
2.	"	"	5.	92	5.	938	110.	45	110.	45
6	"	"	49.	50	50.	380	937.	29	937.	29
13.	15	"	6.	43	6.	371	118.	50	118.	50
"	"	"	7.	36	7.	604	141.	46	141.	46
"	"	"	5.	72	5.	953	110.	75	110.	75
14	"	"	71.	90	63.	751	1.186.	05	1.175.	24
"	"	"	8.	94	8.	372	155.	75	155.	75
"	"	"	9.	38	10.	004	186.	11	186.	11
"	23	"	10.	28	10.	062	187.	18	187.	18
15	"	"	30.	70	31.	552	587.	00	587.	00
21	"	"	69.	74	59.	633	1.109.	42	1.099.	90
22	"	"	27.	30	21.	445	398.	96	395.	00
"	"	"	12.	92	13.	381	248.	92	248.	92
23	"	"	41.	43	33	945	631.	50	631.	50
27	29	"	197.	70	181.	349	3.373.	85	3.366.	25
"	"	"	8.	98	9.	127	169.	80	169.	80
"	"	"	141.	81	120.	931	2.249.	84	2.228.	68
"	"	"	18.	31	17.	787	330.	89	330.	89
28	"	"	28.	27	24.	004	446.	55	446.	55
29.	"	"	11.	37	10.	952	203.	75	203.	75
			771.	41	699.	998.	13.022.	75	12.969.	70.

per mail

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philadelphia

Charleston April 30. 1841

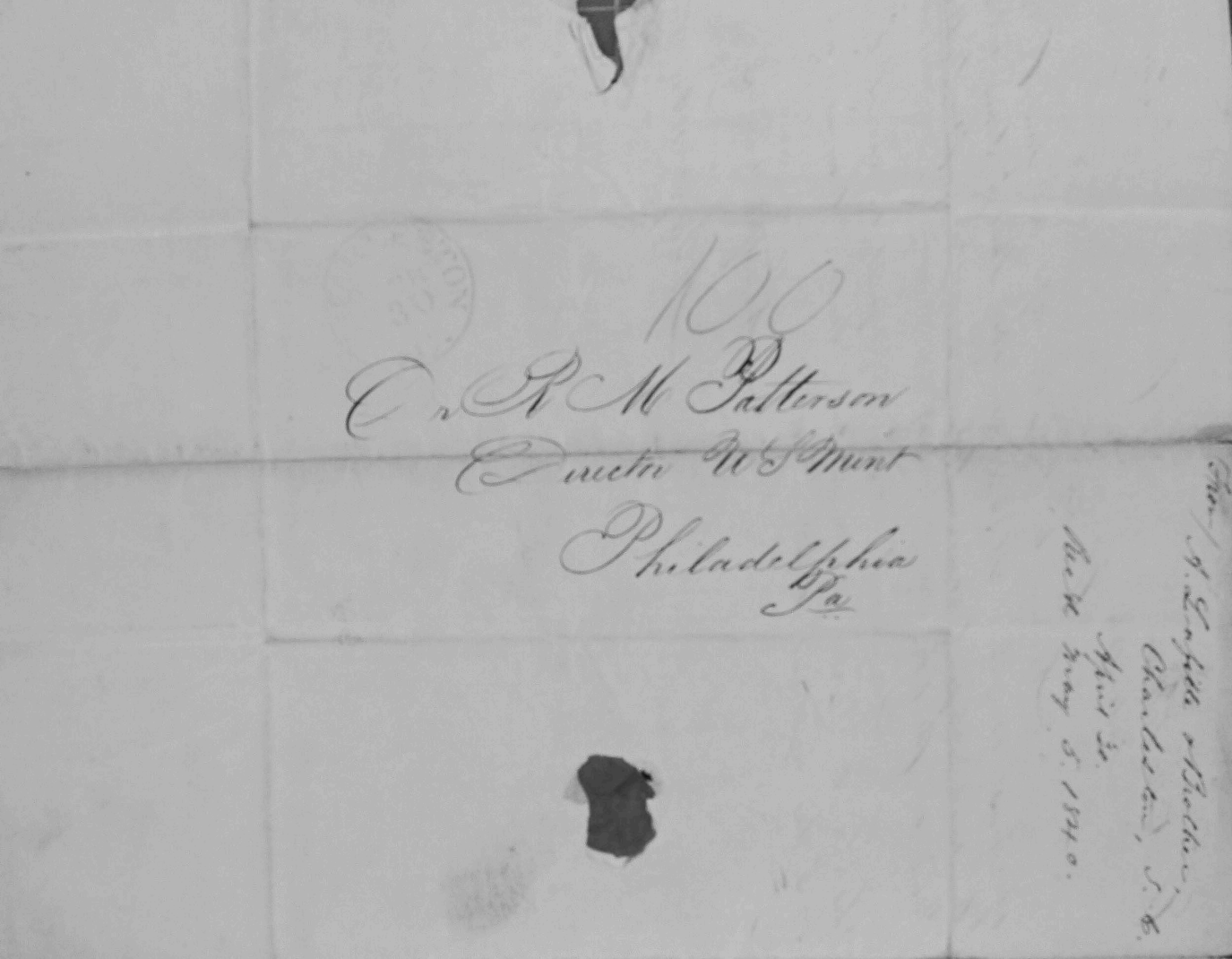
Dear Sir

Annexed we hand you B/L for Seven Casks of Sweeps & one Box Shipped per Brig Paul T. Jones which we wish safe to hand. These were received from the Branch Mint at Charlotte.

According to Dr. Gibbon's request we enclose to you his Letter to Percival N. Johnson Esqr. London, concerning which Dr. G has no doubt written you

Very Respectfully your Sts

N. Saffitte & Brother



SHIPPED in good order and well-conditioned, by A. LAFITTE & BROTHER,

Sold by Burges & Walker, 85 East-Bay.

on board the good Brig called the Paul Jones whereof Ireland is Master for the present voyage, now lying in the port of **Charleston,** and bound for Philadelphia To say:

US Mint Seven Casks Sweeps

One Box do

being marked and numbered as in the margin and are to be delivered in the like good order and well-conditioned, at the aforesaid port of Philadelphia (the danger of the Seas only excepted) unto Dr R M Patterson or to his afsigns, he or they paying freight for the said Casks Seventy five Cents each and Box Twenty five Cts with primage and average accustomed. In Witness Whereof, the master or agent of the said vefsel hath affirmed to 4 Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated in **Charleston,** the 29 day of April 1840

John Ireland

Statement of the Financial condition of the U. S. Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a 30 April 1840.

				oz	dec	dollars	cts
To Depositors unpaid	9.250.	43.	By Coin in Treasurers Vault			9.317.	47.
" U. States Deposite	30.000.	-	" Bullion . Do:	717.	405.	13.336.	67
" Profit & Loss	179.	08.	" Do: " Melter & Refiners "	504.	156.	9.379.	44
			" Do: " Coiners "	397.	810.	7.401.	15
	39.429.	51		1.619.	371.	39.433.	73

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 30 April 1840.

M. T. Strange C.R.

To Col John H. Wheeler
Supt &c.

Mint U. S.
May 7 / 40.

Sir,

You have, at the Charlotte Mint, a government deposite of $30,000, all of which was virtually made in gold. It is a matter of interest and importance to know its present condition, and I have to request that you will make me a report on this subject. A similar report has been lately asked and received from the Dahlonega Mint.

Your statement will mention how much is in the Treasurer's hands, in coins and in bullion: how much is in the Assayer's hands, and in what forms: how much is in the Coiner's hands, and in what forms. Please also to inform me what amount, - if any, - is due by you to depositors.

R. M. T.
D.

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

To/

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

May 7. 1840.

~~May 1840~~

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U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 7th May 1840

Sir

I have the honor of reporting the operations of this Branch of the Mint of the United States for the Month of April last.

The paper marked A, will show the amount description and value of the Bullion received for Coinage.

The paper B. being a copy of the Coiner's Report will show the Amount and kind of Coinage executed by him.

The Melter & Refiner's Report has not yet been received

I have also the honor of enclosing a slip for assay from Melt No 3 of Ingots weighing $\frac{100 \text{ th}}{1000}$ of an Oz and reported to be .910 fine.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
W. J. Strange Ch.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

B

Coiner's Office U. S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C. 30 April 1840.

Sir

I have the honor of reporting to you the Machinery and apparatus in my department in good order.

The Amount of Coinage executed during this Month is in half Eagles, Two Thousand Two Hundred and Ten pieces equal to Eleven Thousand and Fifty Dollars.

respectfully submitted
by your humble Servant
(signed) John R. Bolton
Coiner

J. H. Wheeler Esqr.
Supt &c

From/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

May 7.
Recd " 15. 1840.

Report for April.

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 14th May 1840

Sir

Your letter of the 7th Inst, was received on yesterday desiring to know the present condition of the Government deposite of $30.000.

It has been the practice of more than 12 Months at this Branch to have laid before the Superintendent, a detailed report by the Clerk, of the financial condition of the Mint. A copy of the one made on the 30th Ultº. is herewith respectfully submitted.

In further compliance with your request, it is necessary to state, that the forms of the Bullion are somewhat changed since the statement was made out. A transfer of Bullion from the Treasurer to the Melter & Refiner of 732 $\frac{704}{1000}$ Ozs Standd has been made; the larger portion of which is undergoing the process of separation; also a transfer has been made to the Coiner of 1.114 $\frac{800}{1000}$ Ozs of Standd Ingots, which will be in coin before the verification of Assay slip No 3. is received from you.

I acknowledge the receipt of yours of 27 March, sending bill of Lading for 19 carboys of acid, sent on the 20th of that Month, which has been received in good order, also the a/c of this Branch with you for the 1st Quarter of 1840.: You will be pleased to expedite the other articles needed, while the season is propitious for transportation: Also my letter Book shows that I received on the 15 Febry, yours of the 5th of that Month, with one from the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting two pair of Quarter Eagle Dies.

I have the honor to be,
very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.

Jno. H. Wheeler
Superintendent.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

From/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

May 14.

Recd " 22. 1844.

Mint U. S.
May 16. 1840.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt (from Mr. Strange) of the report of your Branch for April, with a slip from your melt No. 3 enclosed. This slip has been assayed by Mr. Eckfeldt, and proves to be .899.8 fine, — of course very satisfactory.

The second shipment of sweeps, from Mess. Lafitte & Bro's., also came to hand yesterday. These, with 9 casks received March 30th, make 16 casks & 1 box of sweeps which we have received from your Mint.

R. M. P.
Dr

To/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supr. Br. Mint,
Charlotte N.C.

To/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

May 16. 1840.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 20 May 1840

Sir

The Melter & Refiner complains of the black lead muffles sent to this Mint; and the state of his furnaces are such that the assays progress very slowly.

I beg that you will cause to be sent forthwith to us "one dozen german black lead muffles," as desired in the requisition of Dr. Gibbon, a copy of which is herewith submitted.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Jno. H. Wheeler
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Office of Assayer Melter & Refiner
U. S. Br: Mint Charlotte N.C. 19 May '40

J. A. Mueller Esqr.
Supt.

Sir

Some of the black lead muffles sent to us appear of bad quality, splitting repeatedly in annealing, notwithstanding all the care we can use. I wish one dozen of good german black lead muffles to be forwarded as soon as possible - for when the Banks send in their numerous deposites, I am obliged to use the large English furnace, as well as the other, to expedite business, and our supply of such muffles is completely exhausted.

I am respectfully
(signed) J.H. Gibbon

From
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

May 20.
Rec'd " 24. 1840.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States.
May 28 / 40.

Dear Sir,

I have received, through the Superintendent of your Mint, your request to be supplied with a dozen black lead muffles, to be used in the large English assay-furnace. As we have a number of these on hand, and have long ceased to employ them, a few shall be forwarded to you, by Mr. Dunning; — but I hope you will excuse me for once more strongly urging you to abandon the large Assay-furnace, as unnecessary, extravagant, and behind the age. Mr. Eckfeldt has had his torn down, and sold for old iron, and I am convinced that you could not make a wiser disposition of your own. That it is unnecessary, is proved by our experience. On the 6th of May you sent ~~us~~ Mr. Eckfeldt Slips of your 86th & 87th deposite assays, and you have sent three ingot assays, — making 90 up to that time. In the same period, Mr. Eckfeldt, in his French furnace, made 244 gold, and 156 silver assays, — being 400 in all. — As to economy, Mr. Eckfeld's man Charles Hare assures me that the English furnace takes double the time to heat

it, and consumes double the fuel. We would now as willingly return to the screw coining-press, as to the English assay-furnace.

We found it necessary to empty out all your sweep and sift it, in consequence of our ~~finding~~ meeting with some unbroken lumps in it. It was besides desirable that it should all be mixed together in our mass. The weight was found to be 4821 lbs = 43 cwt. 0 qr. 5 lbs. Our assay showed that the Cwt. contained $11.20 worth of gold and $11.13 worth of silver, — in all $22.33 worth; so that the value of the sweep is almost exactly 20 cents a pound, and the whole value $961.18. —

We have lately found it to our advantage to sell our sweep to the New York refiners instead of sending it to London, and I have accordingly ~~agreed to sell~~ sold your sweep to ~~Longman, at~~ Mr. George Greenfield. The terms are unexceptionable. He takes the mass at our own valuation, — ~~charges~~ deducts eight dollars per Cwt. for refining, and pays for the sweep before he removes it from the Mint. This ~~will~~ makes your ~~receipt~~ net price $616.78. ~~Having just taken some sweep from us, he will not be able to take yours for about three weeks.~~ which has been received from him to-day, and is placed to the credit of your Mint, ~~in~~

I beg you to tell Col. Wheeler of the general contents of this letter, — both as regards the muffles and the sweep. I have chosen to write to you personally, ~~because the freedom~~ in order to be able to speak more freely against your English Assay-furnace, than I would have done in a formal and official communication through the Superintendent.

Very respectfully
Truly yours,
R. M. P.

To
Dr. John H. Gibbon,
Assayer of Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

To/

Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon,

Assayer Br. Mint,

Charlotte, N.C.

May 28. 1840.

Mint U.S.
May 28/40.

Sir,

Your report of the 14th inst., in reply to my call of the 7th, respecting the financial condition of your Mint, was duly received, and I have to thank you for the information which it conveys.

I have also received your letter of the 20th inst., transmitting a request from Dr. Gibbon for a supply of muffles to be used in his large assay-furnace. These will be sent from our Mint, as we have long since abandoned the use of such muffles, and sold our large assay-furnace for as old iron. I have written to Dr. Gibbon on the subject.

I have this day sold the sweep, sent × for the purpose, from your Mint, to George Greenfield of New York — we took the whole of it out of the barrels, and sifted it to separate the large lumps, and then mixed the whole mass together carefully. From this mass specimens were taken and assayed. The result is as follows:

Whole weight, 4821 lbs = 43 cwt 0 qr 5 lbs.

The Ost. contained

Of gold	$11.20	math
Of silver	11.13	"
Total	22.33	

This makes the whole value $961.18

The charge for refining is $8 ₱ Ost., making $344.40.

Leaving the net amount ~~due~~ paid for the dump $616.78; which sum has been received, ~~by Col. Dunning~~, and is placed to your credit. ~~on his books~~

R. M. P.
D

H/

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

To/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

May 28. 1840.

A

Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the Branch Mint of the United States at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 31 May 1840.

Date of Depo:	Date of Assay	Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dcs	Stand. Weight Ozs.	dcs.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
May 1.	May 6.	U. S. Bullion	31.	24.	30.	697	570.	72		
4.	"	"	13.	83	9.	648.	179.	48		
"	"	"	5.	31	4.	660.	86.	68		
7.	7.	"	6.	70	4.	577.	85.	14		
"	21.	"	10.	91	10.	303	191.	67		
"	"	"	6.	74	6.	274	116.	71		
"	"	"	5.	75	5.	404	100.	53		
"	"	"	108.	04	101.	487.	1887.	94		
"	"	"	14.	72	15.	176	282.	33		
12.	"	"	11.	13	10.	882	202.	43		
13.	"	"	38.	24	38.	452.	715.	37		
14.	"	"	17.	18	16.	434	305.	73		
16.	"	"	6.	08	5.	714.	106.	30		
18	"	"	5.	58	5.	820	108.	27		
"	"	"	9.	00	8.	960	166.	68		
21.	"	"	12.	88	13.	452.	250.	26		
"	"	"	10.	53.	10.	213.	190.	00		
23.	June 2.	"	7.	52.	7.	310.	136	00		
"	"	"	36.	83	31.	714	590.	01	548.	58
25	"	"	36.	92	30.	726	571.	60	567.	96
29.	"	"	27.	75	24.	035	447.	11		
			422.	88.	391.	920.	7.290.	96.		

D

Statement of the Financial condition of the U. S. Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. 31 May 1840.

To	Depositors unpaid		3.477. 47	By	Coin in Treasurer's Vault		9.052. 57
"	U. States Deposite	(in Gold)	30.000.	"	Bullion in Do.	377.160.	7.006. 19.
"	Profit & Loss.		189. 15	"	Do. . Melter & Refiner's "	506.950.	9.431. 39
				"	Do. " Coiner's "	439.710.	8.180. 69
			33.666. 62.			1.323.820.	33.670. 84

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 31 May 1840.

W. F. Strange Cash.

I certify that the above statements accord truly with the state of the vault this day, and the accounts on the Books of this mint.
1 June 40

R. H. Winder
Superintendent

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 3 June 1840.

Sir

I have the honor of reporting the proceedings of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of May.

The paper A. will show the Amount and Kind of Deposits received for Coinage.

The paper marked B, being a copy of the Coiner's Report, will show the Amount of Coinage executed.

The paper marked D is a copy of the statement which, as I advised you in mine of the 14th Ulto, was monthly made out at this Mint by the Clerk — which shows you how much is in the Treasurer's hands; in Coin and Bullion, how much is due Depositors; and the Amounts in the hands of the Coiner, and Metter & Refiner; and the Report of the Coiner will show in addition, how much is in his hands and in what form.

The Report of the Assayer Metter & Refiner has not yet come to hand.

Very respectfully
Your ob. servant

P. S. I enclose also assay slip from melt No. 4, weight $\frac{100}{1000}$ of an oz & reported fineness 901, enclosed as by directions.

Jno. H. Wheeler
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

(B) Copy.

Coiner's Office U. S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C.a May 30 1840.

Sir

I have the honor of reporting to you that the Machinery apparatus &c in my Department is in good order.

Amt. of Bullion in my hands on the 30th April	397. 810.
Recd for Coinage during this Month	1.114. 800
	Ozs. 1.512. 610

Delivered in Coin, 2560 ½ Eagles = $12.800. = 688.000.
" " clippings 384.900 1072.900

Leaving a Balance in my hands at this time of Ozs 439. 710
of clippings filings &c which will be delivered to the Treasurer at any time he may feel disposed to receive them.

Yours very respectfully
John R. Bolton
Coiner

John N. Wheeler Esqr.
Supt &c.

From/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
June 3d
Rec'd " 12. 1840.
(Report for May.)

June 1840

100 ~~[illegible]~~

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca. 11 June 1840.

Sir

On yesterday I received the report of the Assayer &c for the Month of May, a copy of which is added hereto.

You will observe that the Amt. of Gold reported by me in the monthly statement of the Clerk, as being in the hands of the Melter & Refiner is verified by this report, and he also informs me of the condition of that Bullion.

The report requires a roll of sheet lead to renew the lining of the reducing Jars, which be pleased to expedite.

In your call of the 7th Ulto, (which was answered on the 14th Ulto by me) you do not state whether it is desirable to have the statement laid before you monthly. I sent it in mine of the 3d Inst presuming that it was required, shall I continue this mode?

Yours of the 28th Ulto transmitting an a/c of the Sweep sold to George Greenfield of New York is received leaving a net balance of $616.78/100, with which I have charged you on my private memorandum, and myself on my Day book of Ordinary Expenses, as so much received to the credit of the U. States on the account of "Wastage of Gold and Contingent Expenses of this Mint."

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Jno. H. Wheeler
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Office of Assayer Melter & Refiner
U. S. Br: Mint Charlotte N.C. 4 June 1840

R. M. Wheeler Esqr
Supt. &c.

Sir

During the Month of May I received 1.117 $\frac{624}{1000}$ Oz
Stand. of Gold Bullion, and transferred 1.114 $\frac{200}{1000}$ Ounces of Stand. Ingots for
Coinage.

On the last day of the Month there were in my hands 506 $\frac{950}{1000}$ Ozs
Stand. of Gold Bullion in the state of fine gold, resulting from the Refinery.

All deposites received since my last report, have been assayed.

To renew the lining of the reducing Jars, I shall require a
roll of sheet lead.

I am respectfully
(signed) S. H. Gibbon

Form/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Sup. Br. Mint
Charlotte, N.C.
June 11/40.

Rec'd. 22d.

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

CHARLOTTE
NC

Mint of the United States,
June 15, 1840.

Sir,

I have had the pleasure of receiving your's of the 3d inst., Enclosing a report of operations in May,- a statement of the financial condition of your Mint on the 31st ult., ~~May 31st~~, and an assay-slip from Melt No. 4.

This slip has been assayed by Mr. Eckfeldt, and the fineness proves to be .901,- the same as found by Dr. Gibbon,- and " of course satisfactory.

I am respectfully,
your faithful Servt.
R. M. P.
Director.

To
Col. Jas. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/
Col. Jno. A. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

June 15. 1840.

Mint U. S.
Jan 26 / 411.

Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 11th inst., with the accompanying report from the Assayer, Dr. Gilbert.

The order for that kind will be attended to by Chief Deming.

I do not think it necessary to send the statement of your building account to me monthly. I am not, as you know, an accounting officer, and it was only for the purpose of general information as to the condition of the Branch Mints, that the call was made of you and the other Branches.

R. M. P.
G

Lt. Jno. H. Wheeler
Asst. Br. Mint
Charlotte, N. C.

To/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

June 26. 1840.

June 1840

D.

STATEMENT

Of the Financial condition of the Branch of the U. S. Mint at Charlotte, N. C., 30th of June 1840.

	Dollars.	Cents.
To amount due Depositors,	2.711.	32
" " *of United States Deposite "to purchase metal for Coinage,"*	32.000	
" " *gained by deductions from Deposites in Profit and Loss,*	191.	75
	34.902.	07.

	Ozs.	Dec. ~~Dwts~~	Dollars.	Cents.
By Gold Coin in Treasurer's Vault,			10.888.	29
" " *Bullion do. do.*	535.	028	9.942.	54
" *Silver Coin do. do.*			754.	38
" " *Bullion do. do.*				
" *Gold do. in Melter and Refiner's do.,*	278.	665	5.184.	21
" *Silver do. do. do. do.,*	1.070.	901	1.245.	62
" *Gold do. in Coiner's do.,*	370.	455.	6.892.	25
	2.255.	049.	34.907.	29.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. Strange, Clerk.

To the Superintendent

I Certify that the above amounts and statement are accurate, from an examination made by me this day.

Jno. H. Wheeler, *Superintendent.*

TO THE DIRECTOR,

Philadelphia.

Charlotte, N. C. 1st of July 1840.

No. 4.

Office of Assayer Melter & Refiner
U. S. Br Mint Charlotte N.Ca. 30 June '40

J. H. Wheeler Esqr.
Supt. &c.

Sir

During the Month of June I received 598.045 Ozs of Stand. Gold Bullion, and transferred 826.330 Ozs of Stand. Ingots for Coinage. The balance of Gold in my hands at the end of this Month is from the Refinery. It amounts to 278.615 Stand. Ounces.

All deposites received during this Month have been assayed.

I am respectfully
(signed) J. H. Gibbon

One of the hydrometers for acid has been broken, it would be well to have two more sent us in case of accident

B.

Coiner's Office U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 30 June 1840.

Sir

I have the honor of reporting to you the operations of my Department of this Branch of the Mint during this Month, to be Coinage executed, in ¼ Eagles, 3530 pieces, equal to $ 8. 825. 00.

Amt. due the Treasurer on 30 May	Ozs. 439. 710.	
" of Bullion rec.d during the Month	826. 230	1. 265. 940
Delivered in ¼ Eagles	474. 345	
" in clippings	421. 140	895. 485
Balance due Treasurer at this date . . .		Ozs 370. 455

in clippings, filings &c.

All of which is respectfully submitted by
Your humble Serv.t
(signed) John R. Bolton
Coiner

To
R. M. Wheeler Esq.r
Supt. &c.

From/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

July 1.
Recd " 8. 1840.

(Report for June.)

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 1 July 1840

Sir

I have the honor of reporting the proceedings of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of June.

The paper A will show the amount and Kind of Deposites received for Coinage.

The paper B. being a copy of the Coiners report to me, will show the amount and Kind of Coinage executed.

The paper D. is the monthly Statement of the financial condition of this Mint.

The paper C. is a copy of the Assayers report. He makes a requisition for 2 hydrometers, which you will cause to be forwarded. He requests me to say, that he is too unwell at present to answer your Communication.

I wish to ascertain what is the usage of the Mint, and your views upon the right of a Depositor to withdraw his Bullion, after or before Assay.

I have the honor
to be, very respectfully
Your ob. Servant

Jno. H. Wheeler
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Phila

A.

Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the Branch Mint of the United States at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 30 June 1840.

Date of Depo:	Date of Assay	Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec.	Stand. Weight Ozs.	dec.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
June 1.	June 2.	U. S. Bullion	10.	74	10.	631	197.	76	197.	76
2.	"	"	9.	05	9.	502	176.	77	176.	77
5	15	"	5.	92	5.	872	109.	23	109.	23
6	"	"	18.	53	12.	002	223.	28	220.	68
8	"	"	14.	54	12.	790	266.	55	266.	55
"	"	"	8.	57	5.	360	99.	71	99.	71
9.	"	"	14.	48	12.	790	237.	94	237.	94
"	"	"	5.	73	4.	902	91.	18	91.	18
10	"	"	4.	09	3.	553	66.	09	66.	09
13.	"	"	20.	07	18.	285	340.	17	340.	17
"	"	"	10.	62	11.	114	206.	76	206.	76
15	"	"	16.	80	16.	693	310.	55	310.	55
16.	16.	"	17.	92	15.	827	294.	44	294.	44
18	25.	"	16.	02	16.	197	301.	33	301.	33
20	"	"	70.	07	75.	794	1.410.	10	1.410.	10
22	"	"	24.	17	24.	596	457.	57	457.	57
"	"	"	5.	30	5.	198	96.	70	96.	70
23	"	"	6.	73	4.	785	89.	00	89.	00
24	"	"	24.	81	21.	966	408.	61	408.	61
25.	26.	"	44.	49	45.	258	841.	99	841.	99
			348.	65	334.	653.	6.225.	73	6.223.	13.

Mint of the United States,
July 6th, 1840.

Sir,

Herewith I send ~~you~~, with the necessary vouchers, a statement of the account of your Branch, for expenses incurred here, in the quarter closing on the 30th ult. There remains in my hands a balance to your credit of Four hundred & thirty nine 26/100 dollars. ($439.26.)

You will notice, that some of the bills are for articles which you have not yet received. The reason of this is that, although these articles have been a long time purchased, ~~packed,~~ & sent to Patton's line for Charleston, there has as yet been no ~~vessel~~ vessel for that port.

Dr. Gibbon asks for sheet lead to renew the lining of his reducing jars. It is of little use to renew these linings if it be done with the ~~xxx~~ aid of solder. The proper method is to join the seams by melting the lead itself; and as it is doubtful whether this can be done at Charlotte, we have deemed it best to send you two wooden tubs, properly lined. Our M. & R. gives these tubs a decided preference ~~over the stone jars~~ & has substituted them, in his department, for the stone jars.

R. M. P.
Director

Col. Geo. W. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

July 6. 1840.

July 1840

Mint U. S.
July 8 / 40.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt, this day, of your letter of the 1st inst., with the report of the operations of your Mint for June.

You also send a statement, which is nominally a balance sheet of your bullion accounts, and which, as such, is no doubt correct. ~~but as such it~~ I beg leave, however, to make some remarks with regard to it.

In the first place this cannot be considered as a "Statement of the Financial Condition" of your Mint, since it does not include your ordinary account. ~~It is only to be~~ ~~but~~ a statement of the bullion account. — But this is a mere verbal criticism. — What I want distinctly to understand is the exact condition of the entries. Thus you say, — "By gold in Coiner's hands, 371.455 oz. = $6892.20"; and the Coiner in his report to you, states this balance to be "in Clippings, filings, &c.", a statement which you entirely to be accurate. Now this amount looks to me more like a book balance, for which, indeed, the Coiner is responsible to

you, and which therefore forms a proper item in your balance sheet as Treasurer, but which does not show the real means in the Coins' hands, or the true condition of your building funds. How much of this 278.665 oz. is in clippings and filings, and how much in the Dc.? Have the clippings and filings been actually weighed? If so, what is the state of the remainder due on the Coins' account? How much of it lost to the Mint as wastage, or is all of it so lost?

The same remarks apply to the account of the Assays Melting & Refining. His book balance is also exactly 278.665 oz. Now he states this amount to be in his hands "from the Refinery." Is there not some mistake in this? Is there nothing in sweeps; no waste; no excess or defect? Has it been ascertained, by weight and assay, that there is an amount equal to 278.665 ft. oz. of gold from the refinery? Or does not the statement merely imply that this is the amount due by the Melting & Refining, and the gold which he has on hand, whatever may be its unascertained value, is from the Refinery?

My new Light, when I asked from you a Statement of the Condition of your

bullion account, looked beyond your balance-sheet. I wished to know how you would stand, were you to be ~~suddenly~~ called upon for a final settlement, and your means compared with your responsibilities. It is important that you should yourself make such an examination, from time to time; and it is highly interesting to me to know the result.

Upon this I hope is not sufficiently exact in calculating the value of standard weights of gold and silver: at least I find a disagreement between the estimates in the statement you have furnished, and my own. This appears from the following table.

		Standard Wt.	Your Statement.	My Calculation
Gold.	Oz.	535.028	$ 9,942.54	$ 9954.11
"	"	278.665	5,184.21	5184.46
"	"	370.455	6,892.25	6892.19
Silver	"	1,070.901	1,245.62	1246.14

The rules used are the following. — For Gold; multiply the standard weight by 800 and divide the product by 43, and the quotient will be the value in dollars. — For Silver: multiply the standard weight by 12.8, and divide the product by 11, and the quotient will be the value in dollars.

~~I do not consider a depositor~~

In answer to the question which you propose at the close of your letter, I have to state, that I do not consider a depositor as having any right to withdraw his deposite from the Mint; but where, in the exercise of a sound discretion, you judge it just and proper that he should have this privilege, you have a right to grant it. I can find but one example of the kind at this Mint. A depositor, not long ago, brought a number of Mexican dollars, which proved to be very much under weight; and, as he knew the source from which he had got them, and ~~therefore~~ wished to ~~have~~ send them back, we returned them to him, the same day.

R. M. P.
D. M.

To/ Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

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Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

July 8. 1840.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 8 July 1840

Sir

Your's of the 26 ult.o was received last mail; and my monthly report had been a week on the road, or the statement of my Bullion &c would not have accompanied it. In the absence of any express instructions, I concluded that it was proper that you should have it, inasmuch as it is made out monthly, and shows you at a glance the condition of this Branch. It is indispensible to my operations, and it is always verified by an examination of my Vault.

Inclosed you have a assay slip n.o 5. reported fineness by our Assayer 898.5, weight $\frac{210}{1000}$ths of an Ozs

A recent visit in the Gold region of Burke, has brought to light more palpably the evils resulting from the laws tolerating the private manufactory of coin by M.r Bechtler. Many Miners assured me, that they did not bring their Gold to this Mint, because M.r B. gave them a higher value for it. While this Answers for circulation, and is tolerated, of course it must be apparent, that the practical utility of this Mint is destroyed, while the people are cursed with a currency, which is really less valuable than it purports to be. This is verified by the fact, that the coin of his establishment is really less by assay than its reputed value. This may not contravene the Act of 1825 (approved 3 March) but it surely is contrary to the spirit of that act, and indictable at common law for false tokens. The Coinage of M.r Bechtler has much decreased since the establishment of this Mint, but since it is under no legal restraint or responsibility it ought to be abolished altogether, and with this view I had thought of presenting the matter to the U. S. District Attorney of this State.

You may have observed that one of our Members from N.C.a in Congress has given me some severe remarks recently. All of the

statements were in bad feeling, much of it perverted, and some positively false.

The policy of establishing the Mint was settled, and once established I see no reason, why it should not be treated as similar institutions of the Government, and in character with the nation. The outlays were of no personal benefit to me, and I shall continue to spend just as little as will comport with the necessity and actual operations of the Mint.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Jno. A. Wheeler
Superintendent.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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director of the Mint
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From
Cal. Inv. H. Wheeler,
Supt. of Gold Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
July 8.
Recd " 15. 1840.

Mint of the United States,
July 16, 1840.

Sir,

~~I have to acknowledge the receipt of your~~

I send you a bill of Lading of articles shipped, for your Mint, to Mess. Lafitte & Brothers, on the 11th inst. The several boxes contain as follows:—

Box No. 1.— 1 doz. dust pans,
½ " Blk. Lead Muffles,
2 pr. Wooden Tongs, for Assay-room.
" No. 2.— 12 cast iron posts.
" Nos. 3 & 6.— 6 Wooden basins for washing sweet.
6 Iron-bound buckets.
" No. 4.— 6 plates Spelter, 112 lbs.
Keg — No. 5.— 100 lbs. Salt Petre.
Boxes Nos. 7 & 8.— 2 cedar reducing tubs, lined with lead.
[These sh'd be painted black.]

I ~~have~~ received, yesterday, your letter of the 8th inst. enclosing an assay slip from Melt No. 5. Mr. Eckfeldt has assayed this slip, and with the same result as reported by Dr. Gibbon, — 898.5. — The melt must, I suppose, be accepted, but it is not without doubts.

When Gen. Wall introduced into the Senate, this session, an act to ~~furnish~~ prevent the counterfeiting of foreign coins, I wrote to him to call his attention to the evil of private coinage, which is now unrestrained by law, and I referred

particularly to Bechler coinage. I have not heard that any action has taken upon my letter; and surely this need not be matter of surprise, while Congress permit a law to remain which gives an excessive and false value to foreign gold coins, in spite of my frequent representations. Your views and thoughts are considered a most interesting and important subject of legislation.

R. M. P.

To
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. U. S. Mint
Charlotte.

With Bill of Lading No. 59. For list of articles see Bill of lading on file.

To/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler
Supt. V. Br. Mint.
Charlotte, N.C.
July 16. 1840.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 22 July 1840

Sir

Your's of the 6th is received transmitting with the necessary vouchers, a statement of the account of this Branch for expenses incurred by you in the Quarter ending on 30th ult.o - Balance to my credit of Four hundred and Thirty Nine 26/100 dollars ($439.26.)

I notice that the vouchers are numbered in red ink on the back, and which numbers doubtless correspond with your a/c, but which do not correspond with the numbers that they must take in my a/c to the Department: as these are original papers, I would request that in future Mr. Dunning use only pencil for these numbers.

Your's of the 8th is also before me commenting upon the "Statement of the Financial Condition of this Mint", - I intended that this should show my responsibility and the means of discharging it. This Bullion fund of $32.100 (as also the amount due Depositors, and the profits gained by deductions from deposites) is my responsibility. The Books as well as an accurate examination made by me, showed so much Gold Coin and Bullion in Treasurer's vault. The a/c on my Books showed (over the corner) 370.455 Oz Stan.d in his hands. He states to me in his report that this Amt is "in clippings filings &c" - of this I did not intend to certify, but by my certificate at the foot of the statement, I only meant to say that an examination in the Books of my Office showed this Amt in his hands. His report, as well as returns acknowledges this balance. As to the questions "how much in clippings and filings, and how much in the &c", and "have the clippings and filings been actually weighed" - I cannot say, "and how much has been lost to the Mint as Wastage" - I do not know, since this a/c is made up at the end of the year as provided by Law (29. Sec:). An examination (not official) made by the Clerk

and the Coiner at the end of the six Months, I am advised, show, that this Officer was within his legal limits. As to the Wastage however of the Coiner, as also of the Melter & Refiner, this question cannot affect my Bullion fund, since any deficit arising on that score within the legal allowance must be made up from the appropriation for "Wastage of Gold & Contingent Expenses", and any deficit above the legal allowance must be made up by those Officers personally.

To your remarks as regards the Melter & Refiner, the above will apply, and you rightly apprehend me, when you say, that the "statement implies merely, that this is the Amount due by the Melter & Refiner", and his report, (for which I am not to answer,) states that it is from the Refinery.

I notice further your remarks as to Mr. Strange's mode of calculating the value of the Stan.d weights of Gold & Silver. I believe that he is sufficiently exact, although the difference between your calculation and my statement appears somewhat strange. I some time ago discovered this discrepancy in a long account of Gold Bullion composed of small deposites, between the Stan.d weight as added up, the value of the same added up, and the total stan.d Ozs as multiplied by .800 and divided by 43, or as laid down by the tables. That errors may creep in, I do not deny, but in the first place the Assayer calculates the value, then Mr. Strange makes the calculations and records them, and I carefully check and examine the reports, calculations and accounts. Mr. Strange is in the habit of using the tables (in order to correspond with the value as made by the Assayer) and my instructions are to verify by them by the old mode (multiply by 800 and divide by 43) as also to use the long multiplication in ascertaining the Stan.d weight, from the gross weight & fineness.

You will find in your Treasurer's a/c (his Gold Bullion a/c) taking his added standard, and added value, that this value will not correspond with the same standard as multiplied by 800 and divided by 43.

Should you find this disagreement not to exist, I should be happy to know the mode, by which so accurate a conclusion is arrived at.

The reason that I asked the question as regards the right of a Depositor to withdraw his deposite from the Mint, – application had been made to permit this after an assay was made, which was not allowed.

Yours of the 16th since the above was written has been duly received.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

Jno. A. Wheeler

Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/

Col. Jas. H. Wheeler,
Supt Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

July 22.
Rec'd " 29. 1840.

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Branch Mint of the U States
Charlotte N.C. 30 July 1840

Dear Sir,

With the limitted force I possess to perform all the duties of Assaying, Refining, Melting ~~collecting~~ and collecting the Sweeps at this Mint — it would be impossible for me to use as much expedition as I now do, if deprived of the occasional assistance derived from the large English furnace.

It is like an axe in a carpenters hands — He generally prefers a hatchet — but, sometimes, finds the former implement a convenience.

To heat our furnaces we employ common charcoal which, here, costs 5 cents pr. bushel. This heats the large furnace in nearly the same space of time as Millers furnace — in which last the charcoal burns much faster & requires more filling up.

With a very dense atmosphere it is sometimes extremely difficult to heat the small French furnace with this coal at all — At your Mint Coke is used & therefore the expenditure is greater.

I have attempted several times to use the pine knot coal ordered from a distance — but it was so coreless, proposed that we

found it less adapted to our purposes than the common.

If we are somewhat behind the age in employing the English furnace be assured I only urge its retention because it enables me to keep up with the assay of deposits and expedites my other business.

When assays are few in number we never heat the E. furnace. But the deposits received here are made with great irregularity - suddenly - at the monthly Courts, for instance, we are flooded with collections of bullion from every district - almost all of which requires melting - and all wish prompt payments.

It is then that the large number of assays which the E. furnace contains - offers a facility to pursue more promptly the subsequent operations of the Refinery & Melting.

Mr. Terres is my main dependance both in the Refinery & Assay room - He is quick & careful.

Mr. Irwin is a faithful & good workman - but his hand is too unsteady, from his heavy occupations - neither is he prompt, or active enough to be an assistant in the assays - nor safe among the acids &c in the refinery. He assists there - but is principally employed in the melting room & with the sweeps.

To relieve Terres from the assay room we sometimes heat all the furnaces to expedite assays. In consequence of the constant reference to the refinery at this Mint we are twice and thrice as long in preparing a mult of ingots as the Coiner is in completing the operations of vinage afterwards.

The division of the workmen here is ~~[illegible]~~ not well adapted to the labours required in the several apartments. The Coiners men are incompetent in my rooms, except occasionally to help carry off the ingot moulds, or to pound up the sweeps

As the sum received for the gold in my sweeps exceeds in amount the allowances I claimed for wastage, I feared that some depositors might have suffered at my hands. Your experience will enable me to judge whether such excess is usual — and not extreme.

I beg you will excuse the delay in answering your letter upon these subjects. I have suffered severely from abilious attack attended by head aches which rendered me unable to reply as I wished.

I am very respectfully
Yr. friend & Obt. Sct. J. H. Gibbon

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Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/ Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon,
Asst. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
July 30.
Rec'd Aug. 7. 1840.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 31 July 1840

Sir

I herein enclose assay slip No. 6. of weight
990/1000 ths of an Ounce, and reported fineness by Dr Gibbon .900.
I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

Jno. H. Wheeler
Superintendent

To
Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
July 30.
Rec'd Aug. 7. 1840.

August 1840

Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the Branch Mint of the U. States at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 31 July 1840.

Date of Deposite	Date of Assay	Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	decs.	Stand. Weight Ozs.	decs.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions.	
July 1.	July 6.	N. C. Bullion	204.	29	189.	367.	3.522.	91	3515.	49.
"	"		111.	29	105.	858	1.969.	38	1.969.	38
"	"		5.	37	5.	762	107.	18	107.	18
2.	"		10.	80	10.	595	197.	10	197.	10
3.	"		7.	31	7.	097	132.	03	132.	03
4	"		9.	03	8.	657	161.	05	161.	05.
7.	16		8.	39	8.	855	164.	73	164.	73
13	"		50.	05	50.	827	945.	61	945.	61
"	"		5.	14	4.	871	90.	60	90.	60
14	"		8.	57	9.	025	167.	90	167.	90
"	"		30.	70	29.	983	557.	80	557.	80
15	"		49.	47	38.	915	723	98.	716.	79
"	"		11.	00	8.	433	156.	87	156.	87
"	"		35.	64	35.	461	659.	70	659.	70
20.	24		30.	13	29.	413	547.	16	547.	16
22.	"		67.	07	57.	083	1.062.	00	1.052.	00
"	"		37.	33	35.	144	653.	80	653.	80
"	"		5.	65	5.	681	105.	67	105.	67
24	"		7.	27	7.	592	141.	23	141.	23
"	25.		13.	68	13.	680	254.	50	254.	50.
27.	"		19.	60	18.	831	350.	32	350	32
"	30		85.	10	87.	463	1.627.	20	1.627.	20
"	"		12.	45	12.	421.	231.	07	231.	07.
"	"		20.	95	21.	647	402.	72	402.	72
"	"		7.	45	7.	887	146.	73	146.	73
28	"		6.	91	6.	932	128.	95	128.	95
"	"		13.	50	13.	800.	256.	74	256.	74.
			874.	14.	831.	280.	15.464.	93	15.440.	32

B.

Coiner's Office U. S. Br: Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 31 July 1840.

Sir

I have the honor of reporting to you the amount of Coinage executed during this Month to be in half Eagles, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty pieces equal to Nine thousand and Nine Hundred Dollars.

Amt. due Treasurer on 30 June		Ozs 370.455
" of Bullion rec.d in Ingots during the Month		1.718.260
		2.088.715
" deliv.d in ½ Eagles 1980. = $9.900. = Ozs 532.125		
clippings	706.280	1.238.405
Balance due at this date of which is under the process of Coining.		Ozs 850.315

Yours Respectfully
(signed) John R. Bolton
Coiner

J. H. Wheeler Esq.r
Supt. &c
Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca

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U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 31 July 1840

Sir

During this Month I have rec.d 2022 $\frac{996}{1000}$ Stan.d ounces of Gold Bullion from the Treasurer and have returned 1718 $\frac{560}{1000}$ of Stand. Ingots for Coinage leaving a balance of 304 $\frac{436}{1000}$ Stan.d ounces for which I am accountable.

Of this Amt there is in fine Gold 249. 899
in tops & filings 24. 340
in grains or mixed metal & sweeps 30. 197
Stan.d Ounces. 304. 436

All deposites rec.d during the Month have been assayed. The cupels which were called for at the beginning of this year, should now be forwarded, or we may again be in the same predicament we were last year — without any.

I wish a sheet of thin copper for pans.

I am respect fully
J. H. Gibbon
Assayer Melter & Refiner

Dr. H. Wheeler Esq
Supt &c

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - 1840 (CONT.)

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 1 August 1840

Sir

I have the honor of reporting the proceedings of this Branch of the U. States Mint for the Month of July

The Paper A shows the amount and Kind of Deposites received for Coinage during the Month.

The Paper B being a copy of the Coiners report shows the Amount and Kind of Coinage executed.

The Report of the Assayer Melter & Refiner is herewith submitted Marked C.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Jno. H. Wheeler
Superintendent

P.S. You will observe that the report of Dr Gibbon mentions the cupels required in the begining of the year; I do not observe any cupels in the Invoice sent on the 11th of July last by Schr Swan which Invoice has not yet come to hand. The requisition was made for cupels in Feby last. I would respectfully say=

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

that on a requisition for articles of immediate and indispensable necessity, an immediate shipment be made. We have to anticipate our wants by many months, and a neglect to supply (when practicable) may work much difficulty and delay. The cupels if sent now

to Charleston will be probably more than three months
in reaching us, since no wagons go to Charleston
in the Summer, and the low state of the river prevents
Steamers & Smaller Boats from coming to Charleston.

I expect to visit some place for a few days
on private business in the early part of next month;
it may be best to have the Carpets boxed, & marked
and I can bring them with me.

From,
Col. Chas. N. Wheeler,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Aug. 1st,
Rec'd " 10. 1840.

Report for July.

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

CHARLOTTE N.C. AUG

Mint of the U. S.
August 10. 1840

Sir,

The slip from your Melt No. 6, received on the 7th inst, has been assayed by Mr. DuBois who reports its fineness to be 899.– which is satisfactory.

I have received, this morning, your report of operations in July, and am gratified at the increased amount of the deposits

The order for capels was not neglected by us at the time of its receipt; but as yet, Mr. Hare has not been able to make them. He will endeavor to have a supply ~~of~~ ready by the time of your return

R. M. P.
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To/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/

Col. J. H. Wheeler,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Aug. 10. 1840.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 20 August '41

Sir

I have the honor to enclose assay slip No 7 of this Branch, weight $\frac{16}{1000}$ ths of an ounce, fineness reported by our Assayer .900 .

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Jno. H. Wheeler

Superintendent

D. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.
Aug. 20/40.
Rec'd. 25th.

Mint of the United States,
Aug. 26, 1840.

Sir,

The assay-slip from your melt No. 7, received yesterday, is reported by Mr. Eckfeldt to be of the fineness of .899.8, - which is of course quite satisfactory.

I have read your article on the subject of the attacks made upon you in Congress. The question, after all, is one of economy or extravagance. That your grounds should not be left bare of trees, and that a due regard should be paid, in your arrangements, to appearances as well as to convenience, is to me quite manifest. But still all this should be done modestly and cautiously, and nothing guards this object better than a keen appositive search into expenditures, even if does descend into parsimony. On one point you are not explicit. You are accused of having furnished your private apartments at the public cost, and this was certainly never intended or authorized. Some expressions in your defence seem to show that there is ~~not~~ foundation for the attack, though not to the extent assumed.

Very respectfully &
truly yours
R. M. Patterson.

To
Col. Jas. H. Wheeler.

To/

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Aug. 26. 1840.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 2 Septr. 1841

Sir

In the absence of Col: Wheeler I have the honor of reporting the operations of this Branch of the Mint of the United States for the Month of August last.

The paper marked is the Amt. and Kind of Deposites received for Coinage.

The paper marked B is a copy of the Coiner's Report showing the Amt. of Coinage executed.

The paper marked C is the copy of the Melter & Refiners Report showing the operations in his Department.

You will also find enclosed an assay slip from Melt No. 8 weighing $\frac{110}{1000}$ths of an Ounce and of reported fineness .898 5/.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
W. F. Strange Clk.

P. S. Your letter verifying Melt No. 7 has this moment been recd.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

B.

Coiners Office U. S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 31 Augt 1840

Sir

I have the honor of reporting to you the amount of Coinage executed during this Month, to be, in half Eagles 1.952 pieces equal to $9.760, which have been delivered to the Treasurer: also in quarter Eagles 3.390 pieces equal to $8.475, which are ready for delivery on the receipt of the verification from the Mother Mint Amounting in all during this Month to 5342 pieces = $18.235.

Amt. due Treasurer on 31 July		Ozs. 850.310
" of Bullion recd. during this Month		748.480
	making	Ozs 1.598.790
" Delivered Treas.r in ½ Eagles	524.600	
" " " Clippings	306.560	831.160
Balance due Treas.r at this date		Ozs. 767.630

Yours respectfully
(Signed) John R. Bolton
Coiner

To
John H. Wheeler Esq.
Supt. &c. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C.a

A.

Deposits of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 31 August 1840.

Date of Depos:	Date of Assay	Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dees.	Stand. Weight Ozs.	dees.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Aug.t 5	Aug.t 6	U. S. Bullion	13.	90	11.	836	220.	17	220.	17
"	"	"	14.	23	14.	508	269.	90	269.	90
10	15	"	30.	15	29.	256	544.	26	544.	26
12	"	"	29.	61	22.	535	419.	25	415.	00
13.	"	"	32.	25	33.	995	632.	43	632.	43
14	"	"	7.	77	6.	241	116.	10	116.	10
"	"	"	13.	37	13.	520.	251.	50.	251.	50
15	18	"	15.	85	8.	523	158.	55	156.	38
18	19	"	7.	73	3.	331	61.	95	61.	95
"	"	"	5.	65	5.	022	93.	42	93.	42
"	"	"	70.	55	62.	867	1.169.	60	1.159.	00
19	"	"	14.	73	13.	026	242.	34	242.	34
21	28	"	5.	75	6.	106	113.	60	113.	60
22	"	"	17.	80	14.	289	265.	81	265.	81
"	"	"	9.	52	8.	788	163.	47	163.	47
"	"	"	17.	77	16.	491	306.	78	306.	78
25	"	"	16.	70	15.	506	288.	45	288.	45
26	"	"	8.	11	8.	415	156.	54	156.	54
"	"	"	8.	16	7.	253	134.	93	134.	93
"	"	"	34.	99	36.	511	679.	26	679.	26
27	"	"	43.	06	39.	471	734.	33	734.	33
			417.	65	377.	490.	7.022.	64	7.005.	62

C.

Office of Assayer Melter & Refiner
U. S. Br. Mint Charlotte No Ca
1 Septr. 1840

J. H. Wheeler Esqr.
Supt. &c

Sir

During the last month I received 859 $\frac{037}{1000}$ Ozs Stand. of Gold Bullion, and delivered 748 $\frac{64}{100}$ Ozs of Stand. Ingots for Coinage.

There are in the Refinery 298 $\frac{648}{1000}$ Ozs Stand. of Gold Bullion which has just been separated, and 61 $\frac{010}{1000}$ Ozs Stand. of tops and filings from Ingots – the balance in my hands is in grains and sweeps.

All deposites recd. during the Month of August have been assayed – but it will be necessary to hasten a supply of cupels, by some early private opportunity, to enable us to continue assays during this Month, if any number of deposites are presented – for we are now using broken and refuse cupels, and it will be impossible to receive any supplies from by the way of Charleston at this season of the year

I am respectfully
(Signed) J. H. Gibbon

From

Branch Mint at Charlotte

Monthly Report for August
1840.

Rec'd Sept. 9.

Mint of the United States
Sept. 9th. 1840

Sir,

Your report for August, was duly received this morning

I received, at the same time, your assay slip from Melt No. 8. It has been assayed by Mr. Eckfeldt, and its fineness found to be 898.5 as reported by Dr. Gibbon. I regret that the melt should vary so much from the Standard; but, as it is within the legal limit, it may be received.

Col. Wheeler is here, and contemplates setting out, on his return, in four or five days

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servant

To
W. J. Strange Esq
Clerk of the Br. Mint
Charlotte N. C.

To/

Wm. F. Strange, Esq.
Clerk Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Sept. 9. 1840.

September 1840 -

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 1 Octr 1840

Sir

I have the honor of reporting, the operations of this Branch of the Mint, for the Month ending 30th September last.

The Paper A, will show the Amount and Kind of deposites received for Coinage.

The paper B, being a copy of the Coiner's Report, will show the Amount and Kind of Coinage executed.

The Report of Assayer Metter & Refiner has not been received. On yesterday he delivered 959 $\frac{620}{1000}$ Ounces of Stand Ingots, (a slip from which No 9 is herewith enclosed of fineness .899 weight $\frac{140}{1000}$ths of an Ounce) which as the Coiner remarks are now undergoing the requisite processes for Coinage.

We are entirely out of Cupels. the last having been used yesterday in assaying the deposites and Ingots.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. F. Strange CCR

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

A.

Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 30th Septem.r 1840.

Date of Depo:	Date of Assay	Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Septem.r 1.	Septem.r 1.	U. S. Bullion	6.	25	6.	450	119.	99	119.	99
"	"	"	5.	63	5.	560	103.	43	103.	43
"	"	"	6.	53	5.	658	105.	25	105.	25
"	"	"	123.	33	116.	648	2.170.	14	2.170.	14
"	"	"	521.	82	521.	847	9.708.	75	9.708.	75
3	9	"	15.	78	14.	937	277.	88	277.	88
5	"	"	9.	75	10.	183	189.	43	189.	43
"	"	"	10.	08	10.	325	192.	08	192.	08
"	"	"	5.	83	5.	705	106.	13	106.	13
7.	"	"	14.	14	14.	662	272.	75	272.	75
8	"	"	8.	80	8.	506	158.	25	158.	25
10	16	"	13.	93	14.	130	262.	87	262.	87
"	"	"	10.	31	10.	435	194.	12	194.	12
14	"	"	5.	13	5.	431	101.	02	101.	02
"	"	"	21.	79	22.	996	427.	80	427.	80
15	"	"	11.	01	11.	450	213.	02	213.	02
"	"	"	76.	60	58.	215	1.083.	05	1.071.	86
19	30	"	7.	77	7.	647	142.	26	142.	26
22	"	"	35.	89	34.	852	648.	40	648.	40
23	"	"	6.	85	6.	850	127.	43	127.	43
25	"	"	22.	16	22.	282	414.	51	414.	51
29	"	"	31.	71	26.	025	484.	15	480.	50
			971.	09	940.	794	17.502.	71	17.487.	87

Coiner's Office U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 30th Sept.r 1840

Sir

I have the honor of reporting, the amount of Coinage executed, during this Month, to be, in half Eagles, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty pieces, equal to Nine Thousand One Hundred Dollars.

Amt. due Treasurer on 31 August			Ozs. 767. 630
" of Bullion rec.d during this Month			1798. 000
			2.565. 630
" Delivered in ¼ Eagles	455. 532		
" " ½ "	489. 125		
" " Clippings	633. 460		1. 578. 117
Balance due the Treasurer at this date			Ozs. 987. 513

which is under the operation of Coining.

Yours with respect
(signed) John R. Bolton
Coiner

To J. A. Wheeler Esq.r
Sup.t &c.

From
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Oct. 1. }
Rec'd " 9. } 1840.
(Report for Sept.)

October 1840

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Office of Assayer Melter & Refiner
U. S. Br. Mint Charlotte N.C.a 5 Oct. 1840.

J. H. Wheeler Esqr.
Sir

During the Month of Sept. Recd 1542 65/1000 Ozs Stand of Gold Bullion, and returned 1798 25/1000 Ozs Stand Ingots to the Treasurer. All deposites recd during that month have been assayed.

Yours respectfully
(signed) J. H. Gibbon

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 5th Oct. 1840.

Sir

Above is a copy of the Report of the Assayer Melter & Refiner of this Branch of the Mint of the United States for the Month of Sept.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
M. P. Strange

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Oct. 5.
Rec'd " 12. 1840.

Charlotte N C
1st Oct 40

Sir

Will you be so good as to direct me as regards the usage of the mint as to the pay of laborers during this absence on leave for a month, and as to the propriety of converting into coin the bullion fund in deposite.

Very respectfully
Your ob. servant
Jno. H. Wheeler
Supt.

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson

From/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler
Insp. Bo. Mint
a Charlotte, N.C.

Phila^a. Oct. 14/40.

Mint U. S.
Oct. 12. 1840.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt, from Mr. Strange, of your report for Sept. of the 1st inst., and also a copy of the Assayer's report of the 5th.

The assay-slip contained in the former, from Melt No. 9, is reported by Mr. Eckfeldt to be of .899.5 fine, & is satisfactory of course.

R. M. P.
Director.

To
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Bd. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

To/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. &c.
Charlotte, N.C.

Oct. 12. 1840.

STATEMENT

Of the Financial condition of the Branch of the U. S. Mint at Charlotte, N. C., 30th of September 1840.

	Dollars.	Cents.
To amount due Depositors,	1.884.	15
" " of United States Deposite "to purchase metal for Coinage,"	32.000.	
" " gained by deductions from Deposites in Profit and Loss,	247.	22
	34.131.	37.

	Ozs.	Dwts.	Dollars.	Cents.
By Gold Coin in Treasurer's Vault,			7.362.	31
" " Bullion do. do.	186.	159	3.450.	67
" Silver Coin do. do.			623.	17
" " Bullion do. do.	None			
" Gold do. in Melter and Refiner's do.,	158.	648	2.951.	19
" Silver do. do. do. do.,	1.183.	688	1.376.	83
" Gold do. in Coiner's do.,	987.	513	18.372.	42
	2.516.	008	34.136.	59.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. Strange, Clerk.

To the Superintendent

I Certify that the above amounts and statement are accurate, from an examination made by me this day.

Jno H Wheeler, Superintendent.

TO THE DIRECTOR,

Philadelphia.

Charlotte, N. C. 13th of Oct 1840

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 13 Oct.r 1840

Sir

I found on my arrival at home on Sunday last, your several letters of 26 August, and of 9.th & 28.th ults.

In yours of the 9.th ults you state that you have read my article on the subject of the attacks made upon me in Congress. Your views as to the facts, and the arrangements as regards the Grounds, are correct, and a misconception as regards some of the charges has led to the assumption by the Opposition, that my private apartments were furnished at the public expense. Charges for one Wardrobe bedstead and for one mattrass were presented by me and allowed by the Government. This was not originally intended by me, but when I found that some place was necessary for a Watch or guard in my necessary absence from home, I had the Wardrobe bedstead and Mattrass placed in the Office where it now is, for the sole use of the Mint, and placed near the Vault for the protection of the Bullion & Coin. My Bed steads, tables, utensils &c are my own; and without "descending to Spooney", I have endeavoured to draw the broad line of distinction, that where any article entered to the use of the Mint, and for its proper use, it was a proper charge on the Government, and where it was for my private use of course I paid for it. If this affords any ground of attack it is the tax we pay for Office and not true or just.

While on this point I will suggest to you that the Auditor of the Treasury called my attention to vouchers in your name, (which were disbursements for the use of this Mint at Phil.a) which he allowed, but in future he stated that the receipt should state that the Amt. was received of me, as it is to my credit, and not yours the Amt. is placed. Mr. Dunning will be pleased in future to state at the foot of each Bill Rec.d of me, by your hands the Amt. due

Yours of the 28 ult^o requires me to prepare the Estimate for 1841. Below I give my views.

For Compensation to the Officers & Clerk of the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C^a	6.000.
" Pay of Labourers in various Departments of same	3.500
" Wastage of Gold & Contingent Expenses of same	2.500
	$12.000.

I propounded a few questions as I left Phil^a as regards the pay of Labourers when absent for a Month, and the propriety of instructions of reducing my Bullion fund close, or converting more into Coin. to which I am daily expecting an Answer.

I enclose also for your observation, the monthly statement of my Bullion fund for your examination.

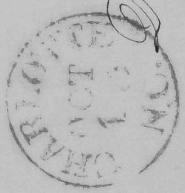
I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Ob^t Servt.

Jno H Wheeler
Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Oct. 13.
Rec'd " 19. 1840.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia



U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 23 Oct.r 1840

Sir

I beg leave to submit to you a question in which the Assayer & myself form different opinions

The case is this: A Depositor sends from Burke 5 9 66/100 Ounces of Gold, and particularly requests that the parcels may be assayed separately. This Gold Bullion is received by the Treasurer — One of the parcels (weighing 2 7/100 Ounces) the Assayer refuses to assay and takes the ground that he has the right to refuse the assay of any parcel of Gold of less than $100.

Had it been an insulated Deposite of less value than $100, I should not have rec.d it. I have very frequently refused such deposites; but forming a component part of more than 1100 Dwt, and the Depositar for particular reasons desiring the assays separate, I do not think that it was an unreasonable request, and especially since there was no pressure in this branch of business; but Dr. Gibbon takes the responsibility to refuse to assay it. I wish then the question to be settled both now and for the future. When Gold is deposited which is fit for the operations of the Mint, and is received by the Treasurer, has the Assayer any right to refuse the assay, although it may be of less value than $100.?

The duty of the Assayer as laid down in the 2.d Sec: 3.d Article of the Mint Act is "carefully to assay all metals used in Coinage whenever such assays are required in the operations of the Mint: he shall also make assays of Coin when required to do so, by the Director." The law does not make it imperative to refuse deposites of less than $100.

The records of the Mint as exhibited to you monthly

will show how careful I have been to keep depositors within the legal sum; although if at any time this has been neglected it arises from the difficulty of ascertaining the exact value of Bullion which is unassayed, and not from any wish on my part to impose unnecessary labour on any one,

I have the Honor to be

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt

Jno. H. Wheeler

Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

From/ Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Oct 23.
Recd Nov. 2. 1840.

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 31 Octr 1840

Sir

I have the honor of reporting the operations of this Branch of the Mint for October.

The Paper A will show the Amount and Kind of deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage. You will observe that this paper is incomplete from the want of the Assay Reports. The deposite made on the 20th Inst of 56 44/100 Ounces presents the difficulty, to which I alluded in my letter of the 23d Inst and to which an answer is daily expected. The reason why the Assayer has not finished the balance is given in his report herewith submitted marked C, "They will remain until after the processes of Refining are completed." With the force of hands in the Mint, and the Coiner having no great use for his men, I see no reason why these processes should not go on simultaneously.

The paper B being a copy of the Report of the Coiner will show the Amt of the Coinage executed at this Branch during the Month.

The paper C is a copy of the report of the Melter & Refiner in which you will observe that he complains of the roof of the Mint. This you are aware is an old subject of Complaint. I have had careful men on the roof and within this week I had some leaks soldered. I have caused the ceiling of a part of Dr Gibbon's apartments to be renewed with wood and painted.

This report repeats a requisition made in Feby last for 2 Casks of black lead pots No 30, and also 2 Casks of Hessian 3 cornered crucibles. I beg Mr Dunning's attention to the remarks about the sizes. The report also requires 300 lbs of Zinc for separating and a sheet of thin copper. If the Zinc that came off the old roof would Answer it would save some expense.

Very respectfully Your Obt Servt
Eno H Wheeler

Dr R. M. Patterson
Philadelphia

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P.S. The assays of the Coinage & Deposits were mislaid at the closing of this Report. They will be sent next mail.

The coinage for the month was 2206 Half Eagles equal to 11.030 $.

From/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Oct. 31.
Rec'd Nov. 7. 1840.
(Report for Oct.)

S.D.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the Branch Mint of the United States at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 31 October 1840.

Date of Depos:	Date of Assay	Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec	Stand.d Weight Ozs.	dec	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions.	
Oct.r 1.	Oct.r 20	U. S. Bullion	6.	49	6.	971	129.	67	129.	67
5	"		6.	53	6.	602	122.	81	122.	81
"	"		6.	36	6.	542	121.	70	121.	70
6	"		18.	26	19.	091	355.	16	355.	16
"	"		21.	65	19.	412	361.	13	361.	13
9	"		18.	63	17.	533	326.	16	326.	16
10	"		20.	94	22.	544	419.	41	419.	41
12	"		15.	95	16.	708	310.	81	310.	81
"	"		9.	84	9.	074	168.	81	168.	81
"	"		5.	61	5.	641	104.	93	104.	93
13	"		29.	80	17.	151	319.	07	314.	95
14	"		5.	90	6.	214	115.	60	115.	60
15	"		6.	45	4.	936	91.	81	91.	81
16	"		7.	93	7.	532	140.	11	140.	11
"	"		13.	44	11.	075	206.	01	206.	01
17	"		60.	04	57.	571	1.071.	08	1.071.	08
"	"		7.	10	6.	428	119.	57	119.	57
"	"		14.	18	15.	580	289.	85	289.	85
19	22		436.	62	403.	939	7.514.	91	7.488.	98
"	"		6.	97	7.	138	132.	78	132.	78
20		*	56.	44						
"	24		6.	63	6.	938	129.	05	129.	05
"	"		7.	42	4.	788	89.	05	89.	05
21	"		4.	77	5.	118	95.	20	95.	20
22	"		21.	34	15.	861	295.	06	292.	00
26			19.	17						
"			14.	36						
28			13.	90						
"			12.	62						
30.			20.	29						
			885.	63.						

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Mint U.S.

Nov. 2d, 1840.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d ult., and I must request that the question proposed for my decision may be distinctly stated. I do not consider the point in dispute as coming at all under the 14th Sect. of the Mint Act. The depositor was of the requisite amount, and was received accordingly. Now as to the duty of the Assayer with regard to it, this is defined in the second section, which says that "he shall carefully assay all metals used in coinage, whenever such assays are required in the operations of the Mint." When a deposite is composed of separate parcels, it is sometimes required in the operations of the Mint" that these be assayed separately, but more frequently this is not the case. If, however, separate assays are required by the depositor, it is customary, at this Mint, to accede to his wishes, unless they are thought to be unreasonable: but I do not think that it would be right to consider the desire of the depositor as imperative upon the Assayer; and, although the general controlling power of the chief officer of the Mint might perhaps be brought into exercise in any particular case, it ought certainly to be used with great delicacy and caution.

It is exceedingly desirable that a disposition to oblige and accommodate depositors should be shown, on all occasions, by the officers of the Mint, and I would therefore advise Dr. Gibbon to make the assay in question, unless there be some reason to the contrary which does not appear in the case as presented to me. (Our assayers tell me that they would not have hesitated to accede to the request made by ~~the~~ your depositor, as they understand it: yet Mr. Eckfeldt ~~has~~ has made 130 gold assays ~~that~~ during the last month, of which 102 were of deposits. I should not regard for myself justified in requiring this ~~[illegible]~~ task of ~~[illegible]~~ him, since the law does not require it.) Our assayers &c.

Allow me to call your particular attention to the large amount of gold reported ~~in~~ from your Mint as uncoined. I pray that every exertion may be made to reduce this amount to the least practicable minimum. ~~It is my intention~~

Your letter of the 13th, printing your estimate for the coming year at $12,000, was duly received. Dr. Singleton gives his estimate at $9,880.

R. M. P.

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To/
Col. Wm. H. Wheeler,
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

To
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Nov. 2. 1840.

November 1840

Mint U. S.—

Nov. 3d, 1841.

Sir,

My letter of yesterday may perhaps require some explanation to make the views entertained here as to deposits more distinctly intelligible.

The same individual may make, at the same time, and in the same name, a deposite for coinage, of bullion really belonging to different individuals, or for which he is separately responsible to different individuals. In this case, the parcels are numbered, and it is required by the depositor that they be separately assayed and valued. Now when this is done, each parcel is virtually a distinct deposite, and for each there is a separate statement of the rendered of the fineness, the standard weight, the allowance for silver separated, the charge for refining or toughening, the charge for alloy, &c. Under such circumstances, any parcel may be rejected if its value do not exceed $100, unless the depositor shall consent to have it combined with some other, which in fact would change entirely the conditions of the case.

This view of our practice under the law, does not, in fact, differ from that which I

presented yesterday, but some conversation which I have had this morning with our Assayer has led me to fear that my letter of yesterday might be misunderstood.

P. M. P.

To
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

To/
Col. Jas. H. Wheeler,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Nov. 3. 1840.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 5th Novr 1840.

Sir

I enclose herein assay slip No 10. weight $\frac{146}{1000}$ths of an Ounce, reported fineness .899

I also send a copy of the report of the Coiner alluded to in my report of 31 Ulto. The report of Dr. Gibbon will be sent as soon as he returns it to me, as he requested it to make some alterations. It would be sent by this mail, but he is not in town to day.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Jno. H. Wheeler
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Coiner's Office U. S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C. 31 October 1840.

Sir

I have the honor of reporting to you the Amt of Coinage executed during this Month to be in half Eagles 2.206 pieces, equal to $11.030.

Amt due Treasurer on 30th Sept	987.513
Delivered to Do in ½ Eagles during this Month	592.863
Balance due Treasurer at this date	394.650

Respectfully submitted by
Your humble Servt
(Signed) John R. Bolton
Coiner

To
J. H. Wheeler Esqr
Supt &c.
Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.

From
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Nov. 6.
Recd " 12. 1840.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

An Estimate of the Expenses of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, N.C., for the year 1841.

	Dollars.	Dollars
For Salaries of Officers & Clerk:		
The Superintendent,	2,000.	
The Assayer,	1,500.	
The Coiner,	1,500.	
One Clerk,	1,000.	6,000.
For compensation to ~~Laborers to the various departments~~ Workmen,	~~1,500~~	3,500
For Incidental & Contingent Expenses, including fuel, Materials, taxes, & Wastage of Gold,		2,500
		12,000.

Mint of the United States,
~~Nov.~~ Nov. 10, 1840.

Estimate for 1841.
Charlotte B. Mint.

Nov. 10. 1840.

U.S. B. Mint Charlotte N Carolina.
11 November 1840

Sir,

Your letters of the 2d & 3d inst. addressed to the Superintendant have been communicated to me but I have not been favored with the correspondence to which these answer.

Many very small deposits have been presented at different times for assay at this mint. Some of them have been refused — and some, at the desire of the Superintendant, have been assayed. But as they began to encrease in number, & some who were refused this favor, complained of unfair treatment & undue preference, I begged that there might be no exception to the rule; and that no deposit, for separate assay which was much under the value of $100 should be admitted upon the books. At the same time I expressed my willingness to assay any well melted parcel of gold from new mines, or washings — without charge, at my leisure. — ~~And this became the rule~~. The Act of Congress which declares it lawful to refuse deposits of less value than $100, appears to have been proposed for the benefit of the Assayer — & I considered the arrangement a reasonable one towards all

depositors - towards whom I have always exhibited a disposition of accommodation.

In the month of October a large number of deposits were presented. The vessels from Philad.a did not arrive until Saturday, at noon, on the 18.th Oct.r, when there were nearly 50 deposits acquiring spray - many of them, also, requiring to be melted - a large part of mixed metals may to be made up Every exertion to be used for a supply of Ingots for coinage.

As the weather was rainy when the vessels arrived they were at once set to Dry in stoves - on the 20.th we began to use them for sprays. While I was in the Treasurers office, on this day, Mr. Strange showed me a deposit of 53 ounces divided into 5 parcels - upon each of which an spray was required. 3 of these parcels were, each, of less value than $100 - one of these only weighed 2 ounces - 61 hundredths - of fineness about .850 — without enquiring or knowing to whom they belonged - I requested Mr. Strange to put the vials into effect upon the last - or to have it included in one of the other divisions. At the same time offering, as usual, to spray it, privately, after the rest of business was over. The melting & sprays engaged all my time during that week -

On Saturday the above deposits were presented to me - including the smallest bonds - By the register I found they were deposited in the name of J. H. Shuler - and Mr Strange told me the Superintendant insisted upon the deposit of 2.61 oz. being entered upon the books.
In conversation with the Superintendant he urged that "I had no right to refuse it" - I told him "I considered it Counterfeit by the act of Congress" - when he said he would make it a question for the Director.
Many Coyer in current there the one in question have been refused by the Superintendant - both before and since this decision. But such a rule cannot not be partially exercised - or there will be loud complaints and no end to the annoyance.
You will perceive by the monthly report that I refer to the condition of the roof of the Mint. I privately urged the same considerations - without effect. Six feet square of the ceiling fell in my office down opposite the door - but a few minutes before I entered it. There is no floor upon the joists in the attic, and when the ceiling breaks it opens new avenues for the winds. I attempted the only impractical mode in which Mr Burgess directions had been

fulfilled, by passing under the roof to direct some alteration in the water pipe which passes into the refinery from the reservoir under the roof. In my opinion if Mr. Bussiers orders had been properly attended to, there would have been no necessity for driving nails into the zinc - and if they are still fulfilled we may avoid a danger which I apprehend from every high wind.

Last winter or Spring the superintendant requested a young man who was going to the north for supplies as an apothecary - to bring on a quantity of acids - crucibles &c. This was done without any requisition from, or consultation with, me. When they arrived the superintendant declined to take them till he had consulted me. The expense will be greater than if bought in the regular way. Smithers of the parties are judges of the qualities of the articles - The only acid hitherto offered me for sale here. proved upon trial to be nitro-muriatic acid.

There is a dispute between the parties about the order should look to me for relief -

The cost and charges upon these articles are as follows. As the apothecary who is a beginner can never make sale in this country except to the Mint I hope you will excuse my notice of the affair.

10 carboys nitric acid, original cost 10 cts per pound - with charges of transportation	$ 125.25
2 carboys Oil vitriol cost 7¾ cts per lb. with charges &c.	11.70
Cask cont'g 253 nests of crucibles - cost 6¼ cts per nest - with charges	25.30
	162.25
Adam 25 per ct. which he thinks is the lowest he can afford	40.56
	202.81

We shall want some nitric acid in the Spring - If you sanction the purchase I will relieve the man from his charge, if good - otherwise I will make the usual requisition.

I am with great respect.

J. H. Gibbon.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

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Dr. J. H. Gibbon,
Assayer Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Nov. 11.

Recd " 19. 1840.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 11 Novem.r 1840.

Sir

I enclose you a copy of the Report of the Melter & Refiner & Assayer to me for October.

I have duly received your letters of the 2nd & 3d inst. in reply to mine of the 23d ult.o as regards the question propounded by me; whether when the Treasurer (who receives and signs receipts for deposites) has received Gold Bullion for Coinage, has the Assayer any right to refuse to assay said Bullion?

The ground the Assayer assumed for this strange position (the 14 Sec: of the Act of 18 Jany 1837) "that it shall be lawful to refuse a deposite of less value than $100" is not tenable, for you very correctly decide that you "do not consider the point in dispute as coming at all under that Section". You repeat the law declaring the duties of the Assayer, and in relation to the case in point "you advise Dr. Gibbon to make the assay in question". Yet under this advice from the power that "has the regulation of the Mints subject to the approbation of the Sec: of the Treasury", the Assayer from his views of the case, and your letter, still refuses to assay it.

If this course be adhered in, it in practice makes the Assayer the Judge in the first instance as to what deposite shall be received - if concurred in, he is the proper person who should receive the Bullion and grant receipts therefor, because the Treasurer (who legally must receive the Bullion and grant receipts) may be placed in the humiliating position of being compelled to say to a Depositor, "although I have received your Bullion for Coinage, yet the Assayer refuses to assay it, you must return my receipt, and take your Bullion".

In relation to the particular case alluded to in my letter I have frankly and freely conferred with Dr. Gibbon; I have read my letter to you, and furnished him copies of yours to me. There is no circumstance in this case that

has not been most fairly presented to you with perhaps the exception, that I should have said that the Depositor wrote to me twice requesting separate assays; which request I do not consider imperative, but in this case was reasonable. Dr. Gibbon offered to assay it at his leisure and privately, but the Depositor wished an official value fixed on the Gold, and the matter is one which should be settled by law and usage.

One objection which the Assayer has, and which at a glance appears to have some weight, is that I sometimes as Treasurer refuse deposites of less value than $100, and receiving some now, would create an improper preference. A complete answer to this is, that I cannot always know the precise value of unassayed bullion, and the law does not make it imperative; but a discretion is left for sound exercise — and while the act of Congress leaves it to a sound discretion, I never would (as I never have) press small deposits on the Assayer.

In conclusion I would respectfully ask, when in discharge of my duty as Treasurer I receive a deposite for Coinage with a careful and delicate attention to the labours and duties of my Associates, and I give a receipt for said deposite, does the Assayer discharge his duty in refusing to assay it, and in declining to make his official report of its fineness and value according to Law?

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

Wm. H. Kuhn
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

(Copy)

Office of Assayer Melter & Refiner
U. S. Br. Mint Charlotte N.C. 30 Oct. 1840

P. F. Wheeler Esqr.
Supt &c

Sir

During this Month I have rec.d 679 $\frac{585}{1000}$ Ozs Stan.d of Gold Bullion for refining. No Ingots for Coin have been prepared during the Month. The want of cupels until the 18 Inst, caused an accumulation of deposites, the greater part of which have been assayed – a few lately received will remain until after the processes of refining are completed and will be finished during next week.

One Hydrometer packed among the cupels was found broken on its arrival here.

As the rainy season approaches, I think it my duty very strongly to urge the necessity of prompt attention to the condition of the roof of the Mint. After the new zinc roof was put on by Mr Bufsiere, he desired in my hearing that shavings should be closely pressed down under the eaves of the building on the inside, and that plaster should be dashed on the outside in such manner as to prevent the wind from lifting the zinc. Some attempts were made in pursuance of these instructions, but they appear to have been insufficient. The winds have penetrated in various directions, and as the shavings were not protected by any resistance behind them, they have been scattered over the ceiling. The nails which have been driven into the zinc, since the departure of Mr. Bufsiere, have torn it, and numerous rents through which the rain passes in various directions into the apartments under my charge, indicate a very bad condition of the zinc covering. — Some parts of the ceiling have given way, and others threaten us daily – and the wood work will rot by exposure to the wet. The plaster of the ceiling is very thick, and the laths have been nailed so closely together as to prevent the cement from hooking. As the workmen are constantly passing up the stairs with acids, I fear some serious accidents,

from the height of the ceiling, and the large masses which may fall. I think therefore I cannot too strongly repeat the importance of a thorough scouring and repairs.

Mr Brown the Melter reports to me the want of black lead pots No 30, 2 casks of which were ordered in February last. We shall also require 2 casks of Belgian 3 covered crucibles — As we seldom require the two large outside crucibles of the nests, if we could have the other sizes selected for us, it would be a great con=venience.

I have received one Dozen tin dust pans in consequence of a former requisition — for iron dust pans, such as are used in the Melting Room and for cleaning sweeps.

We shall soon need 300 lbs of Zinc for separating and a sheet of thin copper for annealing pans in the assay room.

Respectfully
(signed) D.H. Gibbon
Assayer Melter & Refiner

N.B. The Refiner reports the iron casting frames for the sand baths of the separating furnaces as cracked by the heat of the fires — he wishes two frames and two iron plates to insert within them. —

Deposites of Gold Bullion rec.d for Coinage at the Branch Mint of the United States at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 31 October 1840

Date of Depo:	Date of Assay	Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	decs	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	decs	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Oct. 1.	Oct. 20	U. S. Bullion	6.	49	6.	971	129.	67	129.	67
5	"		6.	53	6.	602	122.	81	122.	81
"	"		6.	36	6.	542	121.	70	121.	70
6	"		18.	26	19.	091	355.	16	355.	16
"	"		21.	65	19.	412	361.	13	361.	13
9	"		18.	63	17.	533	326.	16	326.	16
10	"		20.	94	22.	544	419.	41	419.	41
12	"		15.	95	16.	708	310.	81	310.	81
"	"		9.	84	9.	074	168.	81	168.	81
"	"		5.	61	5.	641	104.	93	104.	93
13	"		29.	80	17.	151	319.	07	314.	95
14	"		5.	90	6.	214	115.	60	115.	60
15	"		6.	45	4.	936	91.	81	91.	81
16	"		7.	93	7.	532	140.	11	140.	11
"	"		13.	44	11.	075	206.	01	206.	01
17	"		60.	04	57.	571	1.071.	08	1.071.	08
"	"		7.	10	6.	428	119.	57	119.	57
"	"		14.	18	15.	580	289.	85	289.	85
19	22		436.	62	403.	939	7.514.	91	7.488.	98
"	"		6.	97	7.	138	132.	78	132.	78
20	See Feb. 11, 41 —		56.	44	52.	499	976.	71	976.	71
"	24		7.	42	4.	788	89.	05	89.	05
"	"		6.	63	6.	938	129.	05	129.	05
21	"		4.	77	5.	118	95.	20	95.	20
22	"		21.	34	15.	861	295.	06	292.	00
26	Nov.r 5		19.	02	19.	336	359.	72	359.	72
"	"		14.	22	13.	024	242.	28	242.	28
28	"		13.	90	14.	578	271.	20	271.	20
"	"		12.	62	11.	538	214.	65	214.	65
30	"		20.	25	20.	826	387.	43	387.	43
			885.	30.	832.	188	15,481.	73	15,448.	62

From
Dr. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Nov. 11.
Rec'd 19. 1840.

(Report for October,
1840.)

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 20 Novem.r 1840

Sir

Enclose assay Slip No 11, reported fineness .900 weight $\frac{97}{100}$ths of an Ounce.

I have received your letter of the 12 Inst verifying Melt No 10, and I notice your wish as to a full report for October. I send as full a report as the records of this Mint afford. A portion of the Deposite made on the 20 Ulto. not being assayed, the Assayer, as you are advised, stating that he has a right by law to refuse its assays, and your instructions, not being understood by him as making it his duty. My letter of the 11th advised you of this, to which I daily expect an answer.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Chs. A. Wheeler
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Nov. 20.
Rec'd " 26. 1840.

Mint of the United States,
Nov. 12, 1840.

Sir,

The ~~assay~~ slip from your Melt No. 10, received this morning, ~~& pa~~ has been assayed by Mr. Eckfeldt, & proves to be of the fineness of 899.5, & is of course quite ~~which is~~ ~~very~~ satisfactory.

Your partial report for Octr. has been duly received, and we wait for the result of the assays ~~not~~ necessary to complete it. — I report monthly to the Sec. of Treas. the amt. of deposits & coinage at the Br. Mints. An early, full report from the Branches is therefore always important.

R. M. P.
Director.

To/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To

Col. Jno. A. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Nov. 12. 1840.

(Mailed 13th.)

Mint of the United States,
November 27th, 1840.

Sir,

The assay slip, from your melt No. 11, enclosed in your letter of the 20th, has been tested by Mr. Eckfeldt, and its fineness found to be 900, as reported by Dr. Gibbon. —

Your second report on the deposits received in October is before me, and I am sorry to observe that it is still defective, in consequence of the deposite of 56.44 oz., made on the 20th, not being assayed. I think that, under the circumstances of the case, the interests of your Mint require that this assay should be made, and I hope, therefore, that Dr. Gibbon will withdraw his opposition. But, as to future deposits of the same doubtful kind, I would recommend, (since my advice is asked,) that you should pursue the course uniformly adopted at this Mint, — which is that no such deposite be received without the joint consent of the Treasurer & Assayer. No deposite requiring an assay of less than #100 worth, or of base metal suspected to be unfit for mint purposes, is ever received by the Treasurer, (or by the

Clerk who acts for him, without consulting with the Assayer, and obtaining his consent.

I have been struck with some discrepancies between the gross weights given for the same deposits in your two reported lists for October. The following are the cases referred to:

Date of deposite.	1st List.	2d List.	Difference.
Oct. 26 — —	19.17 oz.	19.02 oz.	0.15 oz.
" " — —	14.36 "	14.22 "	.14 "
" 30 — —	20.29 "	20.25 "	.04 "

How have these differences occurred?

I am very respectfully

R. M. P.

Director

To

Col. Geo. H. Wheeler,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Nov. 27. 1840.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 30 Novem.r 1840.

Sir

I have the honor of reporting the proceedings of this Branch of the Mint for the Month ending this day.

The paper A will show the gross weight of Gold Bullion received for Coinage; the Assays not being completed prevents your receiving the Stan.d weight; as soon as they are completed they shall be forwarded.

The paper B, being a copy of the Coiner's Report will show the Amt. of Coinage executed.

No report has come to hand from the Melter Refiner & Assayer.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

Jno. H. Wheeler
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

B.

Coiner's Office U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 30 Novem.r 1840

Sir

I have the honor of reporting to you the Amount of Coinage executed during this month to be

In ½ Eagles	2303	pieces =	$11.515
" ¼ D.o	4270	" =	10.675
Amounting in all to	6.573	" =	$22.190

4.270
4.270
2.135
10.675

Am.t due Treasurer on 31 October Ozs 394.650
" of Bullion rec.d during this month 2.078.660
making Ozs 2.473.310

" delivered to him in clippings Ozs 757.580
" " " ½ Eagle Coins 618.932 1.376.512

Balance due the Treasurer at this date Ozs 1.096.798

which has undergone the operations of coining, and is ready for delivery as soon as the verification is received.

Yours respectfully
(signed) John R. Bolton
Coiner

J. H. Wheeler Esq.r
Supt. &c
Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a

From
Col. Geo. A. Wheeler,
Supt. S. B. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Nov. 30. 1840.

Recd Dec. 10. 1840

(Report for November.)

December 1840

No. 1.

Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the Branch Mint of the U. States at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 30th Novem.r 1841.

Date of Depo:	Date of Assay	Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dcs	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dcs	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Nov.r 2.	Nov.r 4	U. S. Bullion	31.	22	28.	505	530.	30	530.	30
"	"	"	8.	10	8.	000	148.	83	148.	83
"	"	"	16.	83	14.	173	263.	67	263.	67
3	"	"	39.	49	32.	460	603.	86	603.	86
"	"	"	56.	43	61.	058	1.135.	93	1.135.	93
7.	16	"	6.	85	6.	985	129.	93	129.	93
10	"	"	25.	88	19.	868	369.	61	365.	88
11	"	"	25.	60	27.	248	506.	92	506.	92
"	"	"	5.	16	5.	130	95.	44	95.	44
"	"	"	23.	51	24.	238	450.	91	450.	91
12	"	"	8.	22	8.	483	157.	80	157.	80
13	"	"	29.	42	30.	203	561.	90	561.	90
"	"	"	21.	48	19.	349	359.	98	359.	98
14	"	"	72.	01	69.	907	1.300.	56	1.300.	56
"	"	"	12.	76	11.	951	222.	33	222.	33
18	25	"	5.	73	5.	742	106.	82	106.	82
20	"	"	53.	15	52.	322	973.	43	973.	43
23	"	"	8.	85	8.	780	163.	35	163.	35
25	"	"	7.	24	7.	665	142.	60	142.	60
27		"	7.	20						
"		"	16.	45						
28		"	26.	64						
"		"	17.	97						
30		"	56.	73						
"		"	225.	39						
			808.	31						

NB. The last Nos are the weights before melting.

Office of Assayer Melter & Refiner
U. S. Br. Mint Charlotte N.C.
4 Decem.r 1840

J. H. Wheeler Esq.
Supt. &c.

Sir

During the Month of November I received 1314 $\frac{838}{1000}$ Stan.d Ounces of Gold Bullion, and returned 2.078 $\frac{87}{100}$ Ounces of Stan.d Ingots for Coinage. There remains in my hands 13 $\frac{77}{100}$ Ounces Stan.d of tops filings and grains, the residue being in sweeps.

All assays rec.d the Month of November have been assayed

Respectfully
J. H. Gibbon

I wish to have some small copper bars for alloy. In our moderate sized Melts of Ingots they are more convenient to adjust the proper weight than the heavier and thicker bars. The Melter desires to have 6 lbs of corrosive sublimate in lumps — and a Keg of Salt petre.

From/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Dec. 5.
Rec'd " 15. 1840.
(Report for ~~December~~ November.)

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

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Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the Branch Mint of the United States at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 30th November 1840

Date of Depo:	Date of Assay	Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dees.	Stand. Weight Ozs.	dees.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Novem.r 2.	Novem.r 4	U. S. Bullion	31.	22	28.	505	530.	30	530.	30
"	"	"	8.	10	8.	000	148.	83	148.	83
"	"	"	16.	83	14.	173	263.	67	263.	67
3.	"	"	39.	49	32.	460	603.	86	603.	86
"	"	"	56.	43	61.	058	1.135.	93	1.135.	93
7.	16	"	6.	85	6.	985	129.	93	129.	93
10	"	"	25.	88	19.	868	369.	61	365.	88
11.	"	"	25.	60	27.	248	506.	92	506.	92
"	"	"	5.	16	5.	130	95.	44	95.	44
"	"	"	23.	51	24.	238	450.	91	450.	91
12.	"	"	8.	22	8.	483	157.	80	157.	80
13	"	"	29.	42	30.	203	561.	90	561.	90
"	"	"	21.	48	19.	349	359.	98	359.	98
14	"	"	72.	01	69.	907	1.300.	56	1.300.	56
"	"	"	12.	76	11.	951	222.	33	222.	33
18	25	"	5.	73	5.	742	106.	82	106.	82
20	"	"	53.	15	52.	322	973.	43	973.	43
23.	"	"	8.	85	8.	780	163.	35	163.	35
25	"	"	7.	24	7.	665	142.	60	142.	60
27	Dec.r 4	"	7.	06	7.	663	142.	56	142.	56
"	"	"	16.	45	12.	940	240.	74	240.	74
28	"	"	26.	56	26.	241	488.	20	488.	20
"	"	"	17.	94	15.	885	295.	34	295.	34
30	"	"	55.	38	51.	350	955.	53	955.	53
"	"	"	214.	86	198.	389	3.690.	97	3.690.	97
			796.	18	754.	535.	14.037.	51	14.033.	78

U. S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 5 Decr. 1840

Sir

I enclose a list of the Gold Bullion received for Coinage during the last month, a partial report of which was submitted on the 30th Ulto, which was not complete for want of the assays. The gross weight of the unassayed deposites in that list, was the weight before melting. Also I enclose a copy of the report of Dr. Gibbon in which he requires some articles for his department, to which I beg your attention.

I observe with attention the surprize expressed by you in your's of the 2 Ulto as regards the large amount of bullion on hand uncoined, on the end of last Quarter; Dr. Gibbon states in his report that there remains in his hands 1377/100 Ounces". The report of the Coiner shows that he had 1096 $\frac{798}{1000}$ Ounces from which deducting the coin ready for delivery, leaves nearly 500 Ounces of clippings which might have been converted into Ingots for Coin. I suggested this to Dr. Gibbon, but he prefers to make another separation before he melts for Ingots, and I fear the end of the Quarter and of the year will afford you the same cause of surprize. Our force is ample in the Mint, and why the processes of separation and refining cannot go on simultaneously, is a question which I have previously submitted to your consideration.

Your remark as to some discrepancies in the two reported lists for October arose, from the first list furnished the weights before melting, as did the first list furnished for last month. Mr. Strange thought that it was affording you information of what bullion had been received; but in future if such cases occur, they will be marked on the report as before melting.

The Report for October will be completed, when the Assayer completes the Report of the Depo: made on the 20 Inst, which is not yet done.

Your recommendation may not have a practical effect in this Mint, that no deposits be received (requiring an assay of less value than $100, or of metal unfit for Mint purposes) without the joint consent of the Treasurer; since frequently deposits are received in the temporary absence of the Assayer who resides in the Country.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

R. M. Patterson

Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 18 Decem.r 1840

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing an assay slip from Melt No. 12 of Ingots reported fineness .899 weight $\frac{510}{100}$ths of an Ounce.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
M. Z. Strange

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Dec. 18. 1840.
Recd " 24. "

Mint U.S. Dec. 19/40

Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 30th ult. and 5th inst., with the accompanying reports of your operations for November.

I will thank you to transmit to me, at as early a day as possible after the close of the year, the information necessary for my annual report as to what regards your Mint. Among the items reported, I wish you to include the amount of bullion on hand uncoined, stating ~~its condition, and, if the~~ it such circumstances as may enable me to explain to the Department the cause of any unusual accumulation of the kind if it should unhappily exist. I beg you to enjoin upon the Assayer and Coiner the great importance of using every exertion to reduce the balance uncoined, at the end of the year, to the least practicable amount.

I will thank you to commence the transmission, through the Secretary of the Treasury, of the Coins ordered for the annual assay in February.

Dies for 1841 are in the course of preparation, & will be sent to you in a few days. I would refer you to my letter of Dec. 24, 1840, as to the disposement of the dies of the present year, excepting

of course such tail dies as are fit for use in 1841.

We shipped, on the 9th inst., per Brig Randolph, for Charleston,

No. 1 – 1 hhd. Blk. Lead pots, containing
57 pots No. 25, & 22 pots No. 30.

No. 2 – 1 Box containing
309 lbs Zinc, & 1 sheet thin copper.

No. 4 – 1 Box containing 1000 cupels.

In a letter received some time since from Dr. Gibbon, he asked my sanction of a purchase of Acid & Crucibles at Charlotte. The decision in these matters is with you. The crucibles at 6¼ cts per nest are cheaper than they can be purchased here at present, and I have therefore ~~& I~~ deemed it ~~unnecessary~~ unadvisable to attend to this part of your order, at least until further advices.

Dr. Gibbon's orders for ~~to~~ Salt-petre, corrosive sublimate, and ~~salt petre~~ copper will be attended to. ~~His desire for more copper seems to be only for the purpose of having it in smaller bars. Cannot the Coiner roll out some of those which are already at your Mint?~~

R. M. P.

Dr

W/

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Sup. Br. Mint
Charlotte, N. C.

To/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Dec. 19. 1840.

U. S. Br. Mint
Charlotte 24th Dec 44

Sir

Enclosed you will receive an assay slip from Melt No 13 of Ingots reported fineness 899 weight $\frac{06}{100}$ of an ounce;

I noticed in your of the 2d nov. last your remarks on my estimate for the coming year which was 12.000 $, and that Dr Singleton gives his estimate at 9.880 $.

I wish that it was in ~~p~~ my power to reduce my estimate.

The salaries are paid amounting to	6.000
The wages "	3.500
which leaves for wastage of Gold & cont. Exs	2500
	12.000

If any reduction could take place it would be in this latter sum. The Melter & Refiner informs me that he should have to claim at the end of the year his full amount of wastage, & if the Coiner does the same, the appropriation will not be over estimated

Very respectfully
I am your ob servant

Jno. H. Wheeler
Superintendent

Dr.
R. M. Patterson
Phil

From
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Sup't Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Dated Dec. 24
Rec'd " 31. 1840.

U.S. Br. Mint Charlotte N.C.
19. Oct. 1840

Sir,

Voucher no. 9. has been returned by the Comtroller of the Treasury for your approval. It is for the following works ordered & paid for by me.
Ure's Dictionary of Arts Manufactures & Mines
Lyells Elements of Geology
Allan's recent discoveries in Mineralogy
Chaudet - L'Art de l'Essayeur - in all 24 vols.
A line from you to the Comtroller - or to me - will settle the matter.
The deposit of the 20th October - originally requiring 6 assays and amounting to ounces gross 56.44
but by the deduction of one = 2.61,
being of less value than 100 dollars, in conformity with the usages of the Mint, leaving ounces gross 53.83
requiring but 5 assays - was duly assayed, calculated & reported on the 24th October - and the bullion contained in it was formed into ingots on the 4th November. I believe also that the amount of the deposit has been paid

I am very respectfully

J. H. Gibbon

From/

Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon,

Assayer Br. Mint,

Charlotte, N.C.

Dec. 19. } 1840.

Recd Dec. 26.

Office of Assayer Melter & Refiner
U. S. Br. Mint Charlotte N.C. 31 Dec.r
1848.

Sir

During the present month I have rec.d 1434.824 Ozs
Stan.d of Gold Bullion and returned 1263.830 in Stan.d Ingots.
All deposites rec.d to this date have been assayed.
During the year 1848 the Stan.d value of the Gold Bullion rec.d by me from the
Treasurer was 11.643.205
The Amt. of Stan.d Ingots transferred 11.398.010
Leaving a balance due this day of 245.195
I have in my hands, tops filings & grains from Ingots 5.780
Assay slips & fine gold from Assays 5.322
19.62 goofs of grains & sweeps @ .265 5.776
185.83 of fine gold separated " .993 205.031
221.909
Allowance for wastage on 11.643.205 23.286 245.195

In assaying the fine Silver from the Refinery I find a portion of Gold contained in it, which is attributed by the workmen to the breaking of a gold filter. There also still remains a small quantity of Gold in the sweeps not yet cleaned up. Several barrels of sweeps accumulated during the year, will soon be dry enough to pack. The sweeps are of sufficient fineness and quantity to compensate for the allowance, which is this year charged to its legal extent.

The Stan.d value of the Gold Bullion from which Silver has been parted during the year Amounts to 4.174.632 Ozs

The Amt. of Stan.d Silver for which I have given receipts to the present date is 1252.842.

	Ozs.	decs.
	1252.	842
Stan.d Silver purchased for Refinery	1239.	300
	2492.	142
The Amt. in my vault is	2766.	100
leaving an excess not hitherto accounted for of	273.	958

There is a quantity of Silver remaining in acid besides what is contained in the Sweeps.- without estimating the alloy required for Stan.d Gold Ingots- during the year.

The usual supplies should now be forwarded in anticipation of next years work.

(signed) I. H. Gibbon
Assayer Melter & Refiner

I. H. Wheeler Esq.
Superintendent

B

(Copy)

Coiner's Office U. S. B. Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 31 Decem.r 1840.

Sir

I have the hono.r of reporting to you the Amount of Coinage executed during this Month to be,

in ½ Eagles	1.991	equal to	$9.955
¼ "	1.644	"	4.110
	3.635	"	$14.065

Amt. due Treasurer on 30.th Novem.r		Ozs. 1.096.798
" of Bullion rec.d during this Month		1.263.670
		Ozs 2.360.468
" Delivered him in clippings	Ozs 842.920	
in ¼ Eagles	571.094	
in ½ Do.	535.082	1.949.096.
Balance due Treas.r at this date		Ozs 411.372

which has undergone the operations of Coining, and is ready for delivery as soon as the verification is received

The Amt. of Coinage executed during the year is as follows as near as practicable at the present

in ½ Eagles	18.992	pieces equal to	$94.960.00.
in ¼ Do.	12.814	" "	32.035.00.
Making	31.806	" "	$126.995.00.

Yours Respectfully
(signed) John R. Bolton
Coiner

R. B. Wheeler Esq.r
Supt. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C.a

A.

Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the Branch Mint of the U. States at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 31 December 1840.

Date of Depo:	Date of Assay.	Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs	decs.	Stand. Weight Ozs.	decs.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Decem.r 2.	Dec.r 4	U. S. Bullion	5.	73	5.	397	100.	41		
"	"	"	23.	67	18.	776	349.	32.		
"	"	"	8.	44	7.	585	141.	12		
3	"	"	11.	64	9.	634	179.	24		
"	"	"	5.	90	5.	690	105.	86		
11.	17	"	11.	33	9.	137	169.	99		
"	"	"	6.	10	6.	323	117.	64		
14	"	"	8.	07	7.	557	140.	60		
"	"	"	5.	95	6.	041	112.	39		
21	24	"	35.	18	36.	521	679.	46		
22	"	"	6.	78	6.	780	126.	14.		
26		"	26.	48						
"		"	6.	55						
28		"	5.	85						
"		"	+ 41.	93						
"		"	13.	05						
30.		"	14.	18						

The asperum thus } are weights before melting.

N. C. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 31 Decem.r 1840.

Sir

I have the honor of reporting the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month ending this day.

The paper marked A will show the Kinds and gross Weights of Deposites received. The want of the Assay reports prevents my giving you the Stand.d Weight.

The paper B, being a copy of the Report of the Coiner to me will show the Amt. and Kinds of Coinage executed.

No report is received from the Assayer.

Your several letters of 27 Ult.o, 19 & 24 Inst. were duly received. Your wishes expressed in the letter of the 19th shall be attended to in my next.

I regret that as matters now stand, my report of bullion received at the Mint for Coinage is incomplete. The deposite made on 20 October last of 56 44/100 Ozs is still unassayed by Dr. Gibbon. I furnished him a copy of your letter of 27 Ult.o and Mr. Strange took the deposite in question to his office and he refused to assay it. The Depositor to whom it belonged called this week for his Gold; he was informed that it was unassayed, and that the Assayer was absent from the Mint, as he still is. On referring to me, I thought that after waiting more than two months, he should have either his bullion or his coin. He lives in Burke more than 75 miles off. I paid him out of my own pocket what I conceived its value, leaving that value to be ascertained by assay. I took this risk in order that the Institution might suffer no detriment in a region where much of our bullion is found. Not only does the individual depositor suffer, but the whole accounts of my Office, my returns to you are incomplete for want of assays. Dr Gibbon says that you do not make it his duty, although "the interest of the Mint requires the assay." Some more decisive directions

are required from you, and that early, or the returns of the Bullion must be defective. The number of Assays required for all this Months, as you will see by list A herewith sent, is only about twenty, and it surely is not onerous duty for Dr. Gibbon to discharge. To avoid future difficulty you recommend a consultation between the Assayer and Treasurer on receiving a deposite. In mine of the 5th Inst I stated that I feared that it would not have a practicable operation. Subsequent experience proves that it will not do. The Assayer is frequently absent. The duty of the Treasurer is to receive the bullion, the duty of the Assayer is to assay it, and also to assay Coin if "instructed to do so", (and the law is not imperative as to the limit of $100.)

Under the present circumstances, I cannot discharge my duty either to the Government or to the public, and I respectfully request that you direct that the Assayer of this Branch assay all deposites of Gold Bullion received for coinage, not unsuitable for the operations of the Mint, and that he assay at least once a week.

I will be careful as Treasurer to keep depositors within the limit of not less than $100. and never allow any variance except the general welfare of the Mint and the public good requires it.

To prove how inoperative the rule is as to a consultation between the Treasurer and Assayer, a case occurred this week. A Depositor deposites three bars of Gold (weighing 20 31/100. 10 58/100. 9 07/100) Ozs each exceeding by much $100 in value, and a small bar (weighing 1 27/100 oz), this you will find in list A. enclosed in total 41 93/100 Ozs. The depositor wishes if he can an assay of the small piece (which tests an untried mine in S. Carolina) to have the 3 bars melted into one assay, which will only make two assays in the Deposite, otherwise he will unite the small bar with one of the others and require the three assays. If free to act I would receive the deposite and make two assays, but this may not be agreeable to the Assayer, (since

one bar is under $100), so the matter rests until the Assayer comes to town.

The rule which I earnestly and respectfully request you, as having the general management and control of this Branch, to lay down, must be respected by the Assayer, will avoid all future difficulty, and is indispensible to the successful operation of this Branch of the Mint.

I have the honor
to be
Very respectfully
Your ob. Servant

Jno. H. Wheeler
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Dec. 31. 1840.
Rec'd Jan. 7. 1841.

(Report for December.)

STATEMENT

Of the Financial condition of the Branch of the U. S. Mint at Charlotte, N. C., 31 of December 1840

	Dollars.	Cents.
To amount due Depositors, - - - - - - - - - -	2.117.	81
" " *of United States Deposite "to purchase metal for Coinage,"* - - - - - - - - - -	32.000	
" " *gained by deductions from Deposites in Profit and Loss,* - - - - - - - - - - -	275.	89
	34.393.	70.

	Ozs.	Dwt.	Dollars.	Cents.
By Gold Coin in Treasurer's Vault, - - - - - -			21.513.	80
" " *Bullion do. do.* - - - - - - - -	162.	053	3.015.	11
" *Silver Coin do. do.* - - - - - - - -			542.	73
" " *Bullion do. do.* - - - - - - - -				
" *Gold do. in Melter and Refiner's do.,* - - -	245.	195	4561.	24
" *Silver do. do. do. do.,* - - -	1.252.	842.	1.457.	27
" *Gold do. in Coiner's do.,* - - -	177.	558	3303.	55
	1837.	648.	34.393.	70.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. Strange, Clerk.

To the Superintendent

I Certify that the above amounts and statement are accurate, from an examination made by me this day.

TO THE DIRECTOR,

Philadelphia.

Jno. H. Wheeler, *Superintendent.*

Charlotte, N. C. 15th *of* Jan 1841.

Deposites of Gold Bullion rec.d for Coinage at the Branch Mint of the United States at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 31 Decem.r 1840.

Date of Depo:	Date of Assay	Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs. decs.	Stan.d Weight Ozs. decs.	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions.
Dec.r 2.	Dec.r 4	N. C. Bullion	5. 73	5. 397	100. 41	
"	"		23. 67	18. 776	349. 32	
"	"		8. 44	7. 585	141. 12	
3.	"		11. 64	9. 634	179. 24	
"	"		5. 90	5. 690	105. 86	
11	17		11. 33	9. 137	169. 99	
"	"		6. 10	6. 323.	117. 64	
14	"		8. 07	7. 557	140. 60	
"	"		5. 95	6. 041	112. 39	
21	24		35. 18	36. 521	679. 46	
22	"		6. 78	6. 780	126. 14	
26.	Jan.y 6.		26. 48	25. 164	468. 17	
"	"		6. 55	6. 134	114. 12	
28	"		5. 85	5. 705	106. 14	
"	"	+	39. 96	35. 697	664. 12	
"	"		13. 05	13. 093.	243. 60	
30.	"		14. 18	14. 825	275. 81	
			235 86	220. 059.	4. 094.	13.

+ This corresponds with 41. 93 in the Report for Decem.r The Depositor was allowed to withdraw a small portion of his deposite.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - 1841

Mint of the United States
~~Sept.~~ Jan. 1, 1841.

Sir,

The Slip from your Melt No. 13, received yesterday, has been assayed by Mr. Eckfeldt, who reports its quality to be .898.8, which is satisfactory.

We sent yesterday, to the Secretary of the Treasury, to be forwarded to you under his frank, a box containing two head dies, — one of the half, & the other of the quarter-Eagle, for 1841.

I enclose a Statement of my account for expenditures for your Mint, during the quarter ending yesterday, together with necessary vouchers. A balance remains to your credit of $217.60.

In a letter from Dr. Gibbon, of the 19th ult., he ~~says~~ writes to me as follows: — Voucher No. 9 has been returned by the Comptroller of the Treasury for your approval. It is for the following works ordered and paid for by me. — Ure's Dictionary of Arts, Manufactures, and Mines; — Lyell's Elements of Geology; — Allan's Recent Discoveries in Mineralogy; — Chaudet's Art de l'Essayeur: — in all $24."

You will please to inform the Comptroller — since he appeals to me, — that I deem the possession of the last of these works almost essential to the Assayer, & that of the first very desirable. I would also recommend that the payment

for the other two be allowed, as it is of small amount, and the ~~works~~ Assayer, ~~placed in the midst of a mining district~~, must, from his office and position, be frequently consulted with regard to the matters on which they treat. I cannot, however, say that these works come within the class of those directly useful in the Mint operations.

R. M. P.

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Jan. 2, 1841.

Mailed 2d.

January 1841

1841

Mint U.S.

Jan 9th, 1841.

Sir,

Your letter of the 31st ult., with the accompanying report ~~for~~ of your operations for December, has been ~~was~~ duly received.

I regret that a failure to assay the deposites, from the 26 to the 30th of that month inclusive, has left this important report incomplete. I look daily for these results ~~to enable me to~~ for my annual report. It will be mortifying if I have to send it without a full statement of your deposites.

In a letter from Dr. Gibbon, of the 19th ult., ~~in which~~ he says that "the deposite of the 20th of October, originally requiring 6 assays, and amounting to ~~one~~ 56.44 oz. gross, but by the deduction of one parcel of 2.61 oz, in conformity with the usages of the Mint, (being of less value than $100,) leaving 53.83 oz., requiring but 5 assays, — was duly assayed, calculated, and reported on the 24th of October, and the bullion contained in it was formed into ingots on the 4th of November." The difficulty seems, then, to be reduced to the parcel of 2.61 oz. I had flattered myself that the clear expression of my desire that, in view of all the circumstances, this parcel

should be assayed by Dr. Gibbon, would have induced him to abandon the ambition of gaining a ~~point~~ disputed point; and I feel disobliged by his refusing to do so. It is exceedingly unpleasant to be called upon to give official orders in a case of this kind; ~~and nor will I do so, since, I so trifling a matter, I deem it far more creditable to yield them to persevere. I therefore advise that you withdraw this parcel, and consider the payment which has been made on it as a private transaction.~~ but as I still think "the interest of the Mint requires the assay," I must beg you to convey to Dr. Gibbon my instructions to that effect.

I am exceedingly anxious that all disputes, like the above, should be avoided for the future, and I must still recommend that you follow the course pursued at this mint, and that the Assayer be consulted by the Treasurer on the receiving of every doubtful deposite. If, however, the Assayer be absent from the Mint, during the office hours, and it be thus impracticable to consult him, the Superintendent must act upon his own discretion, (taking ~~[illegible]~~ great care to avoid difficulties,) and the Assayer must then be bound by his decision.

~~I am surprised~~

I will thank you to ascertain, &c. [here copy the corresponding paragraph in the letter of this date to Dr. Singleton,

R. M. P.
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To/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

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Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Jan. 9, 1854.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 9 Jany 1841

Sir

I enclose the Report of the Assayer which came to hand to day, and I lose no time in forwarding a copy.

He has made no actual delivery of the Bullion in his possession, which the law (23 Sec:) says he shall do, as also your instructions of the 26th. Septr. 1838.

I forward to you this mail, the assay coin of this Branch for 1840, under the frank of the Secretary of the Treasury as directed by you, in your's of the 19th. The Coiner who had charge of the Assayer's Key, signing the envelope. The Box contains 36 ½ Eagles and 16 ¼ Eagles = $220. which you will be pleased to credit my account with you (if correct,) also the assay pieces 1 540/1000 Oz = $28.64.

You will observe that the report of Dr. Gibbon requests that "the usual supplies should now be forwarded". His report does not state what articles he needs. You are aware of the needs of this Mint, and in the absence of any specific requisition, you can forward such articles as are necessary. I have procured One Cask of 3 Cornered crucibles in this place, another cask I presume is required also there are some 10 Carboys of Aqua fortis in this place for sale, which I can get cheap, and in accordance with your directions in yours of Decr. 19th I shall procure them.

I expect daily an answer to mine of 31 Ulto.

I have the honor
to be very respectfully
Your ob servant
J. No. H. Wheeler
[illegible]

Dr. R. M. Patterson

From

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Jan. 9.
Rec'd " 18. 1841.

N. C. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 12 Jany 1841

Sir

I enclose a copy of the Bullion recd for Coinage during last month, which was incomplete at my last report for want of the assays.

I also enclose a table of the Bullion received for Coinage and the Coinage executed, which will aid you in making your annual report to the President: which is sent as soon as completed, and which I trust will arrive in due time.

The Amt of Bullion recd does not include all the Deposits in October last, but it is near enough for any practicable purpose: I send it off thus, although that Deposite is still unassayed; and for fear that by delays of mail at this inclement season, your answer to mine of the 31st ulto; and my reply thereto would not reach you in time for your annual report.

Mine of the 9th advised you that I had forwarded as per instructions the Coin received for assay, and requesting you to credit me with the remittance and assay slips, in all $348.$\frac{64}{100}$ (if correct.) I have drawn on you two small checks, one in favor of Charlotte Ferries for $75. and one in favor of Thos Earle for $13. which you will be pleased to pay: I have credited you with them.

Yours of the 1st inst. enclosing vouchers for the Quarter ending 31st ulto was duly recd acknowledging a balance in your hands at that date of $217.$\frac{60}{100}$. I recd a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury of the same date, transmitting two head dies ($\frac{1}{2}$ & $\frac{1}{4}$ Eagles) for 1841, and in accordance with instructions of 24 Jany 1840, I have caused the defacement of such Dies of the last year as were unfit for present use.

The Dies defaced are as follows

2 Half Eagle Head Dies
1 Do. tail Do.
1 Quarter Do. tail Do.
1 Do. Head Do. making 5 Dies defaced—

In my next I shall have the honor of enclosing my Monthly Statement of my Bullion Fund.

I am very
respectfully Your Ob. Servant
Geo. M. Dallas

Superintendent

14 January 1841.

P. S. The delay of the Mail, caused by the impossibility of crossing the Catawba River, enables me to add my Monthly Statement which I herein enclose. The Amt. of Bullion uncoined is about $11.879 90 on hand, which is chiefly in clippings (Stan.d) and Fine Gold, and can easily be converted into Coin.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Statement of the Coinage at the Branch Mint of the United States at Charlotte N.C.a in the year 1840

Denominations	Pieces	whole No. of pieces	Value	Whole Value
Gold.				
Half Eagles	19.028.		95.140.	
Quarter Eagles	12.838.		32.095	
		31.866		127.235.

Statement of the Deposites for Coinage at the Branch Mint of the U. States at Charlotte N.C.a for the year 1840.

U. S. Bullion $127.540.54
chiefly from the Mines of N.C.a

Silver Bullion separated from Gold, and reported at the same for 1840

$393\frac{725}{1000}$ Ozs Value $456.\frac{63}{100}$

Amount of Wastage at the Same for the Same

Melter & Refiner 23.286 Ozs on 11.643.205. $433.22.
Chief Coiner 15.639 " " 11.397.458. 290.96. $724.18

These Amounts are claimed by these Officers and allowed on Treasurer's Books.—

From

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Jan. 12-14
Rec'd " 25 } 1841.

(Report for December,
1840.)

Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. for the Month of December, Showing the weight before Melting, the Kind of Bullion, the weight after Melting, and the loss allowed in Melting.

A.

Date of Reception 1840	Weight before Melting ozs. dwts.	Kind of Bullion	Weight after Melting	Loss.
Decem^{r} 2.	5. 73	Bar	5. 73	
"	23. 67	Bar	23. 67	
"	8. 50	Bar	8. 44	06
3.	11. 85	Bars & Amalgam	11. 64	21
"	6. 39	Amalgam and grains	5. 90	49
11	11. 48	Pieces & Amalgam	11. 33	15
"	6. 10	Bar	6 10	
14.	8. 27	Bar	8. 07	20
"	6. 10	Bar	5. 95	15
21.	10. 53	Bars	10. 53	
"	24. 65	Bar	24. 65	
22.	6. 78	Bar	6. 78	
26	6. 13	Amalgam	5. 62.	51
"	15. 08	Pieces	15. 07	01
"	6. 03	Grains	5. 79	24
"	6. 68	Bar	6. 55	13
28	5. 87	Bechtler's Coin, piece, & Amalgam	5. 85	02
"	20. 31	Bar	20. 31	
"	19. 65	Bars	19. 65	
"	14. 08	Amalgam	13. 05	1. 03
30.	14. 27		14. 18.	09
	238. 15		234. 86	3. 29

The line A will correspond with the line of gross weight forwarded in mine of 31 ult., and the 12 Inst. Those enclosed in a bracket made one deposite, and are reported as one deposite to you, altho' composed of more than one melt as above stated. On a minute examination, I find an error in Mr Strange's addition of the gross weight of list of Deposites sent in mine of the 12th. The above is the proper weight.

(Rec'd Jan. 29.)

Treasury Department
January 18. 1841.

Sir

I transmit by this mail a box containing the assay coins for 1840 - received this morning from the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.

Very Respectfully

Levi Woodbury
Sec. of the Treasury

R.M. Patterson
Philada.

P.S. I have received two boxes containing assay coins from the Branch Mint at N. Orleans - One will be forwarded by the next Mail and the other by the succeeding one.

From
Sec. of Treasury.
Jan. 18.
Recd " 20. 1841.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 18 Jany 1841

Sir

Yours of the 9 Inst was received this Morning, in answer to mine of the 31st Ultо.

My letter of the 12 Inst which I trust was received in due time for your annual Report to the President, seems, fortunately to have anticipated many of the requirements of yours of the 9th as to the wastage of Gold required by the Melter & Coiner, and the whole Amount of deliveries made by the Treasurer to these Officers respectively. I enclose a list of Bullion received for Coinage for the Months of December, which will show you "the loss allowed in melting the different varieties of deposites, bars, Amalgam &c", and if desirable this can be included in each Monthly Report.

You very properly express much anxiety, that all disputes between Dr. Gibbon & myself relative to official duties should be avoided in future. Your anxiety on this subject cannot be greater than my own, and it always is with much pain that any occasion occurs for your interference. But when Dr. Gibbon assumes a position totally untenable, and will not yield by any suggestion of mine, and contends that to you only is he amenable, if your situation is rendered unpleasant, it may be to me a subject of regret, but it cannot be considered as a fault of mine.

I hope that in future no difficulty ought to arise in the subject of assaying deposites. The whole returns of the Mint for the year have been jeopardized by Dr. Gibbon's ambition of gaining a disputed point, and in fact the returns made for 1840 do not include all the bullion received.

I regret that you did not think it wise to adopt the suggestion in mine of the 31st "requiring of the assayer to assay all deposites of Gold Bullion received at

this Branch not unsuitable to the operations of the Mint". This would have settled the question, and avoided all unpleasant references. I fear that under your present instructions, the Assayer will still contend that he has the right to refuse the assay of any deposite that may be under $100. although it may have been received in his absence for proper reasons by the Treasurer. The rule which I request you to lay down, puts the discretion, where the law seems to place it, and surely the prudence of the Treasurer would be a safe guide to his conduct.

I the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your ob. Servant

R. M. Patterson
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Jan. 18.
Recd " 27. } 1841.

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States.
Jan. 20th, 1846

Dear Sir,

I received this morning your letter of the 13th inst., regarding the deposite on which I sent you a report in ~~my letter~~ mine of the 31st of December.

In your letter of the 22d of Dec., ~~am~~ sent by Mr. Morton who brought the deposite, you say: "A portion of the Gold has been assayed here and is numbered as follows: 307, 308, 309, & 310. — For the amount of these please furnish one certificate." "Another portion is designated by the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and package of gold dust 5. For the amount of these please furnish another certificate." We inferred ~~from~~ that these "portions" were the "parcels" for which you asked separate assays. I am sorry to find that we mis apprehended you, and that our doing so has given you some embarrassment in settling ~~the~~ with the individuals with whom

you are to account.

The difference in the value of the ~~parties~~ ~~particularly in~~ estimate made by your State Assayer and us, is not "the result of the finesse" of the fine bars, but is chargeable to an error of the assay by one of the parties, and it is too late now to determine ~~Say of~~ which. The report which you have sent me of Mr. Smith's separate assays made give for the whole parcel a fineness of $854\frac{2}{3}$; while we found the fineness 844. This difference accounts for the difference of valuations.

In settling with those from whom you obtained the gold, I should think that the

We do not object to making separate assays of parcels of not less ~~than~~ value than $1000, when the request is made of us. We would have been done, in your case, if we had not unfortunately misapprehended your wishes.

R. M. P.

To/ A. G. Rose, Esq.
Bank of
Charleston, S. C.

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A. G. Rose, Cash.

Charleston, S.C.

Jan. 20/41

B.

Coiners Office U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 30 Jan.y 1841

Sir

I have the honor of reporting the Machinery and apparatus in my department in good working order. No Coinage to report this Month. Not an Ounce of Bullion in my hands at this time.

Yours respectfully
(signed) John R. Bolton
Coiner

J. H. Wheeler Esq.r
Sup.t &c
Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a

C.

U. S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C. 1 Feb'y 1841

Sir

All the deposites received during last month have been assayed.

No Bullion has been transferred to me during the Month.

(Signed) J. H. Gibbon
Assayer Melter & Refiner

R. M. Mueller Esq.
Supt.

B. & C

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 1 Feby 1841

Sir

I have the honor of reporting the operations of this Branch of the Mint of the United States for the Month of January.

The paper A will show the Amt. of Gold Bullion recd. on deposite for Coinage.

No Coinage has been executed during the Month as the report of the Coiner will show, a copy of which is herewith submitted marked B.

The deposite made on the 20 Octr. last has been assayed: Its gross weight was $56\frac{44}{100}$ Ozs: Its Stand. $52\frac{499}{1000}$ Ozs: value $976.71. which makes the Amt. of Bullion received that month to be $832\frac{188}{1000}$ Ozs Stand. value $15.482.48.

Our Coiner requests that the ½ Eagle Dies for this year should be expedited: He only needs the tail Dies.-

The Report of the Assayer Metter & Refiner is herewith submitted marked C.

I have the honor
to be
Very respectfully
Your ob. servant

Jno. H. Wheeler
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,

Supt. Br. Mint,

Charlotte, N. C.

Jan. 30/41.

Rec'd Feb. 11.

(Report for January, 1841.)

Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the U. States Branch Mint Charlotte N.C. during the Month ending 31 January 1841.

No. of Melts	Date of Depo: 1841	Date of Assay	Kind of Bullion	Weight before melting ozs	dees	Weight after melting ozs	dees	Stand. Weight ozs	dees	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
1.	Jany 1.	Jany 6.	Amalgam	8.	04	7.	64	7.	776	144.	48	144.	48.
2	2	"	Bar	6.	91	6.	91	7.	154	133.	10	133.	10
3	4	"	Bar & pieces	10.	25	10.	25	10.	522	195.	75	195.	75
4	"	"	Bar & pieces	7.	08	7.	07	6.	495	120.	83	120.	83
5	7	"	Bar	12.	82	12.	82	11.	992	223.	11	223.	11
6	"	"	Bar	8.	61	8.	61	8.	360	155.	53	155.	53
7	9	"	Bars	24.	62	24	59	24	561	456	95	456.	95
8	11	"	Bar	4.	98	4.	98	4.	453	82.	84	82.	84
9	"	21	Bar	5.	41	5.	31	4.	778	88.	89	88.	89
10	14	"	Pieces & Amalgam	6.	75	6.	45	6.	212	115.	57	115.	57
11	18	"	Amalgam & pieces	5.	56	5.	47	4.	490	83.	53	83.	53
12	19	"	Amalgam	8.	45	6.	92	4.	443	82.	66	82.	66
13	"	"	Do	6.	20	6.	06	5.	730	106.	60	106.	60
14	22	23	Bars.	8.	53	8.	50	8.	773	163.	21	163.	21
15	"	"	Pieces & grains	6.	15	5.	96	6.	157	114.	55	114.	55
16	26	27	Bar	4.	71	4.	71	4.	938	91.	87	91.	87
17	"	"	Bar & grains	7.	10	6.	87	7.	158	133.	17	133.	17
18	"	"	Bar	7.	04	7.	04	6.	382	118.	73	118.	73
19	"	"	Bars	5.	40	5.	40	4.	811	89.	50	89.	50
20	"	"	Amalgam	9.	80	9.	62	9.	757	181.	52	181.	52
21	"	"	Pieces & amalgam	5.	30	4.	90	4.	997	92.	96	92.	96
22	"	"	Bar	8.	37	8.	37	8.	406	156.	39	156.	39
23	"	"	Do	31.	63	31.	63	29.	097	541.	34	541.	34
24	"	"	Do	19.	52	19.	52	17.	437	324.	41	324.	41
25	"	"	Pieces	6.	33	6.	33	5.	843	108.	70	108.	70
26	"	"	Bars	94.	98	94.	96	77.	865	1.448.	65	1.431.	03.
27	29	Febr 1.	Bars	8.	01	8.	01	5.	134	95.	57	95.	57
28	"	"	Amalgam	35.	05	33.	40	34.	142	635.	20	635.	20
29	"	"	Do	6.	49	6.	27	6.	380	118.	70	118.	70
30	"	"	Pieces	8.	22	8.	22	5.	095	94.	79	94.	79
31	30	"	Bar	7.	97	7.	97	8.	314	154.	08	154.	68
				396.	48.	390.	76.	357.	642	6.653.	72.	6.636.	10.

The Melts included within brackets are one deposite.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 11 Feb.y 1841

Sir

I herewith send assay slip No.1. reported fineness .900 its weight $\frac{670}{1000}$ths of an Oz, value of slip $1.30.

Mr Elmes a Merchant of this place, and an extensive purchaser of Gold Bullion, made a deposite through me in this Mint of $20\frac{22}{100}$ Ozs on the 2d Inst. He is much dissatisfied with the assay; its fineness being much lower than he expected. He requested me to allow him either to withdraw the Deposite or procure that a slip be sent to Phil.a for verification. I have referred him to Dr. Gibbon, but did not concede either request. The deposite is still in my vault although assay slips have been taken off. What is the usage of the Mint, or what should be my course in conformity to your views as regards the premises?

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your ob.t Servant

[signature]
Superintendent.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From /

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Feb. 11, 1841.
Rec'd " 18, "

U. S. Branch Mint

Charlotte N.C.a 18 Feby 1841

Sir

Your letter of the 3d Inst was duly received, (in answer to mine of the 9th 12th & 18th Ultto). In this you express your disapprobation of the report of Dr Gibbon, made in his letter dated the 31 Decemr.

It was not satisfactory to me, inasmuch, as it was not accompanied by a full delivery of all the Gold and Silver into the Treasurer's hands as required by law (23d Sec:) and your express directions. As he did not do this, I felt my duty in some part discharged by communicating this to you in mine of the 9th Ultto.

As to the Wastage of Dr Gibbon, he claims, as you observe the full amount of the law. He can best account why it amounted to precisely two milliemes. All I can say is, that from the very singular views which he takes of his duty, that you may be assured, that this account was not made up by any concert or consent of mine.

I notice with much attention your remarks as regards the sweep sent to you and sold by you, and your enquiries relative thereto, and I take much satisfaction in Answering them. The Amount of Wastage claimed and allowed was repaid by the Profit & Loss a/c, and Contingent fund. The Amount of Sweep Sold by you was thus credited on my Journal of Ordinary Rects & Expenses on the 9th June 1840

" Treasr of Branch Mint at Charlotte

To Wastage of Gold & Contingent Expenses Dr

To this Amt rec.d from R. M. Patterson for sweeps sold in New York $616.78"

The a/c was thus transmitted to Washington in my Ys for the 2d Quarter of 1840, to which you are referred.

You express a wish that "Dr. Gibbon's Wastage &c should be re-opened and adjusted on the principles laid down". At this period, (since there have been transfers of Bullion to them and Ingots rec.d from them) it will be somewhat difficult. At the end of the Quarter (31 March) he might be required to deliver over all the Bullion in his possession, and his account might then be adjusted. But this will require your express instructions, since Dr. Gibbon assumes the position, that in the discharge of his duties he is not amenable to the Superintendent, but to the Director only.

He must have known that the Law required a delivery at least once a year of all the Bullion in his possession, to the Treasurer: He knew that it was in accordance with your instructions, and with my views of our relative duties.

Your letter of the 10th inst came to hand on yesterday informing me of the very agreeable information, that the Commissioners approved the Coinage of this Branch for 1840.

The Coiner is waiting for the half Eagle tail Dies for this year, as the old ones are unfit for use.

I anticipate that private business may call me to visit your city & Newark in the Course of the next month, when I shall have the satisfaction of seeing you.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your ob. Servant

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

J. R. O. Wheller
Superintendent

From Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Feb. 18, 1841.
Rec'd " 25, "

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

CHARLOTTE
FEB
19
N.C.

Mint of the United States,
Feb. 18, 1841.

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending to you, by the present mail, a box of dies, directed on the inner envelope to the Supt. of Charlotte Br. Mint, to be forwarded as enclosed under your frank. — Another box, for the same Mint, will be sent to-morrow.

R. M. P.
Director.

Hon. Levi Woodbury,
Sec. of Treasury.

To
Sec. of Treasury.

Feb. 18. 1841.

Mint U.S.—
Feb. 18/41.

Sir,

Your letter of the 11th was received this morning.

The assay-slip inclosed is reported by Mr. Eckfeldt at the fineness 899, and is of course satisfactory.

A pair of half-eagle dies, a pair of quarter-eagle dies, and an extra tail-die of each, are ~~sent~~ prepared for you, and the first box is sent to-day, under cover to the Secretary of the Treasury.

I think it not unlawful for you to return a deposite with regard to which there is good reason for the withdrawal offered by the depositor. If, for instance, the depositor has been imposed upon, and the ~~bull~~ possession of the bullion be necessary for the protection of his rights, it ought not to be withheld. I would be cautious, however, ~~how I you~~ not to yield to whim or the disappointment of unreasonable expectations. I cannot ~~however~~ see any objection to your sending on a slip to us for verification; and, as there has been a doubt on the mind of the depositor, I would wish this now done, whether the deposite be returned or not. Let me know the fineness reported by Dr. Gibbon.

R. M. P.

To/ Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Feb. 18, 1841.

Gold Coins transferred by Bank of America N.Y. 26,417.97

Eagles	$6,500
Hf Eagles	42,655
Qu. Eagles	12,300
	$87,872.97
Deduct in the draft of which our ham notice	30,000
	57,872.97

Dollars	$14000
Hf. Dollars	18211
Qu. Dollars	10,450
Dimes	4925
Hf Dimes	1000
Old Coins	850
	$49,436

Silver

Balance in Melter & Refiners hands	Oz 28,667.30	= $33,358.31
" " Chief Coiners "	21,515.80	25,036.57

Gold

Balance in Melter & Refiners hands	Oz 262.246	= $4,879.00
" " Chief Coiners "	691.871	= 12872.02
		$76,145.90

Assayer's Office U. S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C. 23 Feby 1841

Sir

Your letter of the 3d Inst addressed to the Superintendent of this Mint has been presented to me by Mr Strange.

The balance of Gold Bullion in my hands at the end of the Month of December of last year was stated in as particular a manner as was possible at that time. I would very willingly have transferred it to the Treas[r] if he had required it. I gave a receipt for the balance, which was placed to my own account without a formal transfer of the Bullion.

From the Amount of Sweeps usually on hand at the end of each year, my settlements have been necessarily somewhat inexact at that time. The results from the sale of Sweeps from former years, prove however that there is no Wastage in my apartments. Although in 1838, I was obliged in the same manner as last year to claim the whole legal allowance to make up a nominal account yet the subsequent assay and sale of the sweeps showed an excess of Gold beyond the full amount, I had received from the Treasurer.

The allowance for Wastage claimed during 1838+9 Amt[d] to 17.699.= $329.27
The sale of Sweeps from these years ---------- 961.18
Showed a gain of $631.91

This was principally derived from Silver Bullion, but also contained $150 worth of Stan[d] Gold. The Melter & Refiner of this Branch Mint certainly should have some credit upon the Books instead of being charged with a Wastage of Gold.

Finding on 31 Decem[r] 1840, that I had bullion in my possession to settle my accounts after claiming the whole allowance fixed by law, I made the Amount show precisely the balance due, without melting together & assaying

some small portions of fine gold, assay pieces and grains which are thus enumerated in the account. This was certainly a slight irregularity, but as I perceived the excess was trifling, and my workmen were busily employed in collecting and washing the sweeps - two of Mr Boltons men being sick - I was less accurate in ascertaining the exact amount of these parcels than I might otherwise have been, and the manner in which I enumerated them I conceived would explain the matter.

I assayed the sweeps of the preceding years for my own satisfaction - to ascertain they were sufficiently fine, to meet any loss artificially claimed at the end of those years. I have no doubt they will prove sufficient to balance the allowance claimed last year. In the opinion of my workmen they contain more gold.

I have just packed Six barrels of Sweeps weighing upwards of 2000 lbs - I shall approximate the value of their contents - and send you in tin boxes, the same quantities of similar quality I flux here, according to your previous directions. It is the delay in collecting and preparing those sweeps, (although my workmen are directed to them at all leisure times) that causes a difficulty in settling my Bullion account more accurately, immediately at the end of each year.

I have never hitherto been instructed to assay the sweeps or to deliver them in form to the Treasurer. I wished to do so - but when the first barrels were packed he declined to give me a receipt for them - I therefore shipped them myself to Phila according to your instructions - considering them fully responsible for the wastage claimed in my settlements.

No allowance for these sweeps has been made on my account on the Books of the Mint: after their assay and sale at Phila I urged the propriety of inserting their full value upon the Books, but the net receipts

from you, after deducting the charges were alone credited to the Contingent funds. The only voucher I possess is your letter giving an account of the sale of these sweeps and the receipt of the Wagoner who took them to Charleston - which I considered sufficient for me, in case this subject was brought into question.

An observation at the end of your letter, invites me to notice another subject - I have never "refused to conform to your instructions" - and I regret exceedingly that you should have thought it necessary to express yourself "disobliged" by the delay in assaying a deposite unequivocally of less value than $50. If I had understood your "advice" as a "clear expression of your desire" I should without hesitation have made the assay - but this advice appeared to me from your letters to be conditional only, & to call for reasons & information which I offered to your notice, and which the Supt. told me he had not given.

I did not continue the controversy, solely from a "disposition to succeed in a disputed point", but really, because in my opinion the interests of the Mint were involved in showing no preferences. - there are more objections on this point than meet your sight.

Your decision with regard to future deposites, places this matter precisely in the light I then regarded it. No delay, however occur in deciding upon small deposites during my occasional absences. With the experience which Mr Strange possesses, he can readily estimate the value of such deposites near enough - and I have never been too strict in refusing them.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

J. H. Eibleon.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
R. Aug. H. Gibbon,
Assayer Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

Feb. 23,
Rec'd March 2. } 1841.

U.S. Branch Mint Charlotte N.C.
27. February 1841

Sir,

I have enclosed 24 ounces, Troy, of the Sweeps from last years operations, in two tin canisters, each holding 12 oz. My assay, for approximation, of a melting the same amount of 24 ounces, shews the fineness of the gold contained to be .395 ~~4~~ mills. — Fineness of the Silver .455 mills. I have delivered the box containing the canisters, addressed to you, to the charge of Mr. B. M. Taylor who leaves this tomorrow for Philadelphia.

The barrels containing the sweeps will be headed up & prepared for ~~trans~~ transportation in a few days. I will give their weight in my monthly report.

I am respectfully
Yr. ob. Sv.t
J. H. Gibbon

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint

From
Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon,
Assayer Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Feb. 27. 1841.
Reid March 6th.

B.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 1 March '41

Sir

During the Month of Feby Recd 1284.88½ Stand Ounces of Gold Bullion and delivered 1020.260 Ozs of Stand Ingots for Coinage. All deposites received during the Month have been assayed.

It appears by the Director's letter of the 3 Feby that my Wastage for the three last years has been incorrectly settled. As Melter & Refiner of this Branch Mint, I claimed an allowance for the year

1838	of	16.745	Stand equal to	$311.53
& for 1839	"	954	" "	17.74
making the total amount				$329.27

The Sweeps of these two years weighing 4.821 Lbs were sent off together to Phila, and by assay and sale there, their whole value was stated to be $961.18, "or almost exactly 20¢ a pound".

The gold they contained being according to my calculation, equal to $482.16
deduct the allowance made of 329.27
there was a gain from crucibles of $152.89

during the operations of these two years, after returning all the gold I had received from you as Treasurer. Besides - the sweeps contained Silver to the Amount of about $479.02, being also a clear gain from the Deposites.

Although my Gold Bullion Ac has been debited with the allowance for necessary Wastage, which I was obliged to charge - before I ascertained the value of the Sweeps - yet no credit has subsequently been given to me for any portion of their value - which you ascertained by letter from the Director.

At the termination of the year 1840, my charge for

Wastage amounted to 23.286 Stan.d being equal to $433.22, which sum was necessary to settle my Bullion a/c at the end of that year in the manner in which it had before been settled.

I have just had packed Six barrels of sweeps which the workmen consider richer than those of preceding years, although my assay for approximation does not satisfy me that such is the fact. These barrels contain 2420 lbs. Troy nett weight. I shall send them by the first opportunity viâ Charleston to Phil.a — having already transmitted to the Director of the Mint 24 Ozs Troy of mixed parcels taken from each barrel according to his directions.

From the frequent references to the Refinery, and the consequent encreased number of melts at this Mint, augmenting the Amount of Sweeps and the labour connected with them, my Workmen have never been able to clean up the sweeps exactly to the end of each year, and they have necessarily run into each other involving the wastage account in an apparent, but by no means permanent difficulty.

If the value of the sweeps for 1840 approximate that of former years, which I have no reason to doubt — I feel assured, there will be required a very trifling absolute allowance for necessary wastage — if any — and a constant accumulation of Silver Bullion will be apparent.

It is important to me as an Officer of the Mint, that my accounts with regard to this subject should be correctly adjusted, and I trust they will be as promptly as possible corrected.

(Signed) J. A. Gibbon

Assayer Melter & Refiner

J. H. Wheeler Esq.r
Sup.t

C.

Coiner's Office U. S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.Ca. 27 Feby 1841.

Sir

I have the honor of reporting to you that I have executed no Coinage during this Month — Having a quantity of half Eagle planchets prepared for Coining, I was under the necessity of post-poning the Coinage of them owing to the failure of the reverse Die.

Recd from the Treasr Gold in Ingots on 9th Feby	1020.	190
Delivered to him in clippings on 23d do	474.	640
Balance due the Treasurer at this date	Pcs 545.	550

which is in planchets, and will be coined in the early part of next Month.

Yours respectfully
(signed) John R. Bolton
Coiner

A. H. Wheeler Esqr
Supt &c —

24 oz. Troy = 1.645 lbs Avoird.

This amount of Silver yielded a King weighing 0.10 oz. troy. which assayed for gold was 395 M fine.

do " Silver " 455 " "

0.10 oz. gold, at .395 = 0.0439 oz. Stand. = $0.8167

0.10 " Silver, " .455 = 0.0506 " " = 0.05888

1 cwt Av. = 112 lbs. & and to find value of 1 cwt of Silver by Dr. Gibbon's assay, we have.

Gold — 1.645 : .8167 :: 112 : $55.54

Silver — 1.645 : .05888 :: 112 : 4.01

$59.55

A.

Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month ending 28th February 1841

Date of Deposit	Date of Assay	Description of Bullion	Weight before Melting Ozs.	dees	Weight after Melting Ozs.	dees	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dees.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Feb.y 1.	Feb.y 8	French Coins	105.	70	105.	67	105.	433	1.961.	55	1.961.	55
"	"	Pieces	7.	56	7.	55	7.	364	137.	00	137.	00
2	"	Bars	20.	09	20.	09	18.	693	347.	78	347.	78
5	"	Bars	6.	05	6.	04	6.	388	118.	85	118.	85
"	"	Bar	8.	20	8.	20	6.	541	121.	69	121.	69
6	"	Bars	8.	19	8.	18	8.	441	157.	04	157.	04
8	"	Bars	30.	80	30.	77	23.	692	440.	78	436.	33
"	9.	Bar	6.	92	6.	92	6.	018	111.	96	111.	96
17	23	Grains	15.	44	14.	90	15.	776	293.	51	293.	51
19	"	Bar & Amalg.m	10.	43	10.	41	10.	744	199.	90	199.	90
22	"	Bar	12.	64	12.	64	13.	116	244.	02	244.	02
"	"	Amalgam	14.	67	14.	08	13.	687	254.	64	254.	64
"	"	Bar	5.	66	5.	66	5.	753	107.	03	107.	03
23	24	Pieces & Amalg.m	8.	12	7.	74	6.	680	124.	28	124.	28
"	"	Amalg.m & Bar	8.	17	7.	62	7.	704	143.	33	143.	33
24	27	Amalg.m & pieces	8.	94	8.	50	7.	583	141.	07	141.	07
"	"	Amalgam	11.	80	10.	75	9.	614	178.	86	178.	86
26	"	Bar	10.	72	10.	72	9.	813	182.	57	182.	57
"	"	Amalgam	4.	78	4.	76	5.	112	95.	10	95.	10
			304	88	301	20	288.	152	5.360.	96	5.356.	51
			105	70	105	67	105	433	1.961	55	1.961.	55
			199	18	195	53	182	719	3,399	41	3,394	96

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 1 March 1841

Sir

I have the honor of reporting the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of February last.

The paper marked A, will show the Kind and Amount of Bullion received during the Month for Coinage.

The paper, B, is a copy of the Report of the Melter & Refiner, and the paper, C, is a copy of the Coiner's report, by which you will perceive that no Coinage had been executed during the Month for want of Dies – which I am happy to inform you have since arrived, and that the Coiner is now progressing with his Coinage.

I enclose a slip from Melt No. 2, weight .090 ths of an Ounce reported fineness .898 5/. value $1.67.

I also enclose you two slips from a deposite according to your request, numbered 34 & 35. Dr. Gibbon reports the fineness of 34 at .853 and that of 35 at .832

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
W. F. Strange Clk

weight of 34.		08 decs
" " 35.		10
		18 decs

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
March 1.
Rec'd " 9. 1841.

(February Report.)

Mint of the U. S.
March 3, 1841.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d ult., on the subject of your wastage account as noticed in mine of the 3d to the Superintendent.

I find that my suspicions were correct, as to a neglect to introduce the value of your Bronze into the wastage account. Great embarrassment has occurred with the New Orleans Mint, from the same omission. In both cases appearances were against the M. of R., but to an extent not justified by the facts, — for an essential element in the account was omitted. I have explained to Col. Wheeler, in my letter of the 3d ult., (which you have seen,) the true course to be pursued. The past accounts being settled, and presented to the Department, it is too late now to correct them, and is unnecessary; but I have given instructions, that, for the future the true course be pursued, and you will not again, I am convinced, show more than a very small wastage if any I have recommended, for your own sake, as well as the credit of your Mint, that you have a new settlement, in full form, of your wastage account, at the end of this quarter. You will claim

credit for the value of the Sweep now in your hands, estimated at the amount which you believe, from your Assays, & your former experience, that it will actually sell for, - not the amount of precious metal in it. After the settlement, the Sweep may be redelivered to you, and you will then be charged with the same estimated value, and this charge will remain against you, until the returns are received from the Sweep, when this sum will be placed to your credit. The account presents no real difficulty, but it was, unfortunately, not understood.

Very respectfully,
your faithful servant,
(Signed) R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon,
Assayer Charlotte N. Mint.

P. S. - To enable you to form a better estimate of what your Sweep will sell for, I present a Copy of a memorandum of the product of the Sweep last received from you.

"The above Sweep upon being opened, was found not to have been well mixed; and it being therefore

not in a fit state for Assay, it was taken from the Casks, sifted, & thoroughly mixed, & weighed. The whole weight was found to be 4,821 lbs., equal to — 43 Cwt., 0 qrs., 5 lbs.

Upon being assayed, it was found that the Cwt. contained,

Gold, $ 11.20,
Silver, 11.13, — in all $ 22.33;

thus making the whole value of the Swab, $ 961.18.

Mr. Geo. Grinfield, Refiner, of N. York, this day, (May 30, 1840,) takes the above Swab, at the Mint-assay, subject to a deduction of $ 8 per Cwt., — as the cost of refining: — 344.40

He closes the transaction by buying us the balance $ 616.78."

To

Dr. Jas. A. Gibbon,

Assayer U.S. Mint,

Charlotte, N.C.

March 3. 1841.

Mint U.S.

March 3d, 1841.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 18th, ~~ult~~ in answer to mine of the 3d ult., in regard to the ~~Assayer's~~ Melter & Refiners Wastage Account, and a letter from Dr. Gibbon, of the 23d, on the same subject.

From both these letters it is apparent that the Melter's wastage account has been settled on wrong principles, and ~~that~~ is made to appear unjustly unfavorable to him, by the omission to credit him with the value of his sweep. — As to the sweep no longer on hand, and with regard to which the accounts are completed and rendered, there seems to be now no remedy; but this is not the case ~~as to~~ with the sweep for which you have yet no returns. I ask therefore that this may be estimated, and the valuation credited to the ~~M & R.~~ Assayer (acting as M & R.,) ~~being afterwards redelivered to him, and debited against him, for after~~ at the new settlement which you may properly propose to make of his wastage account, at the close of the present quarter, on the terms laid down in my letter of the 3d ult.

I do not know that there remain any other difficulties, in the matter of our late correspondence, requiring my attention. There is nothing objectionable or unconciliating in the tone of Dr. Gibbon's letter.

R. M. P.
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To/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler
Sup. Bu. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

March 3, 1841.

March 1841

Mint of the United States,
March 8, 1841.

Sir,

Your letter of the 27th ult., regarding your specimens of powder, was received on the 6th inst., and, to-day, the specimens themselves came to us in good order.

In your letter you mention the fineness of the Kings, but you have forgotten to mention their weight. I pray you to supply this omission, as it is an essential element in the comparison of your assays with ours, - which will be made without delay.

R. M. P.
Director.

To
Dr. Chas. A. Gibbon,
Assayer &c.
Charlotte N. Mint.

To/

Dr. Jas. H. Gibbon,
Assayer Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

March 8. 1841.

Mint U. S.

March 13th, 1841.

Sir,

The slips from your deposites Nos 34 & 35, respecting which a dispute dissatisfaction was expressed by the Depositor, was received in your letter of the 1st inst., and have been tried carefully assayed by Mr. Eckfeldt. I am sorry to say that his results differ considerably from those found by Dr. Gibbons, as is shown by the following statement.

No. 34. — Dr. Gibbons assay 853 ##; Mr. Eckfeldts, 862.5

" 35. " " 832 " " 846.5

Supposing the last assays correct, the loss to the depositor, by Dr. Gibbon's report, would be 1.102 per cent. on No 34, and 1.713 per cent. on No. 35. This, in a large deposite, is an amount of no trifling consequence, and would be regretted, I am sure, as much by Dr. Gibbon as by any other person concerned. I hope that Dr. Gibbon will repeat the assay, and endeavor to ascertain the source of his error.

The slip from your Melt No. 2, which was reported at 898.5, is found, by Mr. Eckfeldt, to be 898.6, — a perfectly satisfactory coincidence, though the variation from Standard is such as ought to be avoided.

The specimen of sweep sent to us by Dr. Gibbons has been assayed, with the following result.

Value of gold, ~~in sweep~~ per Cwt. of sweep, $12.56

" Silver " " " 3.12.

The whole weight of your sweep is stated to be 2420 lbs Troy, which is equal to 1991.3 lbs Avoirdupois, ~~1 Cwt. 3 qrs. 3 lbs.~~ or 17.78 Cwt.

Upon the whole estimated values are as follows:

Of the Gold, at $12.56 per Cwt,		$223.32
" Silver, " 3.12 "		55.47
		278.79
Deduct, for charges in refining, $7 per Cwt.,		124.46
Available balance,		$154.33

~~The available value of the gold from the sweep~~

P. M. P.

To
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

March 13, 1841.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 17 March '41

Sir

Your letter of the 8th Inst has just been received. The first trials made in smelting last years sweeps were unsatisfactory both to the Workmen and myself. Each of the men tried a portion, and and the result was similar with each. The metal did not collect in a compact King, but in grains diffused through the inferior portion of the flux. Finally Mr. Corwin the Melter fluxed 2 lbs troy, which collected in a more satisfactory manner - the King weighed 15/100 of an Ounce, but was too brittle to bear the hammer - he remelted and refined it, when the result was 10/100 of an Ounce - this was assayed and the fineness communicated in my letter of the 27th Ult.

From the coarseness and irregularity in the sweeps, I did not like to depend upon our smelting and assay, As they have not been washed quite as close as those of preceding years, I thought to take the former results as the basis of calculations to settle accounts at the end of this quarter - unless otherwise advised by you.

I am very respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t

J. H. Gibbon.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

March 17
Rec'd " 26. 1841.

Bank of the State of No. Carolina
Raleigh 20. Mar 1841

Sir

Some of the miners in the Gold region of this State having become dispatisfied with the results of the assays of their Bullion made at the Branch Mint at Charlotte, have requested that we would send a portion of it to the Mint at Philad.

In compliance with their wishes, I herewith send you per No. Theo: H. Snow Two packages, No: 1 & 2 containing twelve parcels of Gold dust as per list annexed weighing 7.771 Dwg 6 grains — which you will please have assayed, each parcel to itself separately & distinctly, the object being to compare the results of assays of Bullion from the same mines made at Philadelphia & Charlotte —

You will please send us a list of the assays and a certificate for the whole amount

Very respectfully
Yrs.
C. Dewey Cas

List of Gold Bullion sent to U.S. Mint Phila.

No. of parcel		Dwts	grs
1.	William Hicks	581	-
2	James Erwin	333	03
3	James H. Forney	559	06
4	Jacob. Hanshaw	324	.
5	Henry Dogget	812	.
6	John C. Halliburton	373	12
7	Charles McDowell & Co	284	15
8	Wm. C. Erwin	199	06
9	R. C. Pearson	1.365	.
10	Wm. S. Pearson	153	.
11	James C. Smythe	1.635	12
12	Wm. F. McKisson	1.151	.
		7.771	6

C. D. Cay

please put the valuation to each parcel in the list of assays you send us.

To the Superintendant
of the U States Mint
Philadelphia

Pr
Thos. H. Snow Esq

Stamp
C. Dewey, Esq.
Bank of State of N. Carolina.
March 29/41.
Rec'd. 29th.

Assayer's Office U. S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 24 March 1841

Sir

It is with very great regret, I perceive the discrepancy between the assays of Mr. E. Kfeldt and myself in regard to the Nos 34 & 35 — communicated in your letter of the 12th Inst addressed to the Superintendent

As these deposites have been melted for separation, it is not in my power to repeat my assays. I assayed them however twice — on the first occasion, the result was of still lower quality than the latter. The first fineness of No 34 was .843 and of No 35, .828 ~~ft~~, but the fineness of subsequent assay, repeated in duplicate, was, of 34 .853 — of 35 .832 as transmitted to you. As these duplicates exactly corresponded I had no suspicion of error. There was no perceptible loss in the cupellation, and unless equal portions of each had exploded at the moment of cooling, and remained attached to the top of the muffle, or, that some peculiar alloy in the metal caused the difference, I confess I am unable to account for the variation. All the manipulations, as far as my observation allows me to judge, were exact. The gross weight of 34 is 12.74 of 35. 7.35.

The difference between Mr. E. Kfeldt's assay and mine would be equal to ~~#~~ 4.85 in these two deposites.

I am ready to make satisfaction to the Depositor, but I am annoyed that I cannot distinguish the cause of error.

I hope when my sweep is ground up together, that the value will be found greater than appears from the assay of the sample forwarded.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
J. H. Gibbon
Assayer

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Favor of
Dr. Jno H. Gibbon.
Assayer of Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.
March 24/41.
Rec'd. Apr. 3d.

April 1841

B.

U. S. Branch Mint Charlotte N.C.
Assayer's Office 31 March 1841.

R. H. Wheeler Esqr.
Supt &c

Sir

During this Month I have rec.d 285 $\frac{767}{1000}$ Ounces Stand. of Gold Bullion for separation, and have transferred 469 $\frac{85}{100}$ Ounces of Stand. Ingots for Coinage. All deposites rec.d during the Month have been assayed.

The Melter reports that he will need a small cask of black lead pot covers of a size less than the No. 12s last sent us — He also requires a cask of Hessian crucibles of small sizes and a Keg of Salt-petre.

The Refiner calls for 12 Carboys of good nitric acid for the Refinery. These articles should be sent as early as possible, before the communications with Charleston are interrupted.

The Six barrels of Sweeps from last year will be forwarded to Charleston during the next week.

(signed) J. H. Gibbon
Assayer, Melter & Refiner

C.

Coiners office U. S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 31 March 1841

Sir

I have the pleasure of reporting to you the Amount of Coinage executed during this Month to be in half Eagles 1960 pieces equal to $9. 800. — In quarter Eagles 2070 pieces, equal to $5.175. Whole number of pieces 4.030 equal in value to $14.975.

Balance due Treas.r 27 Feb.y		545. 550
Amt. of Bullion rec.d 1 March		469. 760
	Amounting to	Ozs. 1015. 310
Deliv.d to him 1 March in ½ Eagles	526. 750	
" 24 D.o " ¼ D.o	278. 156	804. 906
Balance due Treasurer at this date		Ozs. 210. 404

respectfully submitted by
Your Humble Serv.t
(signed) John R. Bolton
Coiner

R. A. Wheeler Esq.r
Supt. &c.

Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the United States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 31 March 1841.

Date of Depo:	Date of Assay	Description of Bullion	Weight before Melting	Weight after Melting	Stan.d Weight Qrs. dees.	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions.
March 1.	March 1.	Bar	11. 96	11. 96	12. 370	230. 14	230. 14
"	2.	Bars	204. 37	204. 27	185. 506	3. 451. 28	3. 423. 63
"	"	Bars & Amalgam	14. 57	13. 54	11. 627	216. 31	216. 31
3.	9.	Amalgam	14. 45	13. 20	14. 520	270. 14	270. 14
4	"	Grains	31. 49	29. 86	27. 205	506. 14	506. 14
9.	"	Bar	17. 12	17. 12	14. 532	270. 35	270. 35
"	13.	Amalgam	7. 92	7. 23	7. 493	139. 40	139. 40
16	20	Amalgam	12. 44	11. 35	10. 971	204. 11	204. 11
17	"	Bars	5. 39	5. 37	5. 057	94. 08	94. 08
20	"	Bar & Amalgam	7. 74	7. 73	8. 331	154. 99	154. 99
"	24	Amalgam	6. 26	5. 96	6. 104	113. 56	113. 56
"	"	Bars	10. 11.	10. 10	10. 188	189. 54	189. 54
23	"	Bar & Amalg.m	5. 98	5. 90	4. 903	91. 22	91. 22
24	27	Bar	8. 19	8. 19	8. 644	160. 82	160. 82
30	31	Bars	10. 45	10. 23	10. 599	197. 18	197. 18
31	"	Grains	27. 80	27. 38	29. 660	551. 81	551. 81
			396. 24	389. 39	367. 710	6. 841. 07	6. 813. 42

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca. 1 April 1841

Sir

I have the honor of reporting the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of March last.

The paper marked A, will show the Kind and Amount of Bullion received for Coinage during the Month.

The paper marked B is a copy of the Report of the Melter & Refiner, and that marked C, is a copy of the Coiner's Report.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
W. F. Strange Clk.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From /

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

April 1. }
Recd " 9. } 1841.

(Report for March.)

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 10th April 1841

Sir

Your several recent communications arrived during a temporary absence, and which require answer are now before me.

As to the Wastage a/c of Dr. Gibbon (which forms an important part of several of your letters) mine of the 18th Feby expressed my views on that subject. I need not repeat here what is there said, that Dr. Gibbon has never complied with the Law as to the actual delivery once a year of all the Gold and Silver Bullion in his hands, and his Wastage a/c on my Books has been settled on such terms as his views indicated, and as he stated, his instructions from the Mint authorized. If this a/c, has been as you suggest incorrectly settled, it is a matter of regret. Of this, I am conscious you are assured, that I have acted in the best manner possible, since you are in possession of all the facts of the case. At the end of the first Quarter the amount of the Sweep will be estimated as indicated in yours of the 3d Feby and 3d ulto. in the a/cs now being made up, and the whole value as estimated in yours of the 12th ulto will be credited to Dr. Gibbon's account.

Your letter of the 22d ulto refers to an item of $257 11/100 with which you stand debited on the Books of the Treasury Department, as Agent for providing fixtures &c for the Branch Mints.

On examination of my papers I find that in an account which you rendered to me at the end of the year 1838, you credit me among other items "July 30th 1838 By balance in my (your) hands on settlement with Treasury Department on a/c of Charlotte Branch Mint $257. 11" and I then concluded that as you had made probably the same charge in your returns to the Department, that I had been charged with that amount. Thus this matter has

rested until your letter received it. I find in my communications with the accounting Officers of the Department no mention or charge of this kind. I herewith forward you a receipt which will be a voucher for you in the settlement of that account, and in my returns for the last Quarter (31 March 1841) I have credited the U. States, which I hope will make the matter perfectly satisfactory.

Your letter of the 12th ult contained the variation between the assays of Dr Gibbon and Mr Eckfeldt as to Deposite Nos 34 & 35. The Depositor expressed much dissatisfaction, at the assay here and assured me that he knew the value of the Bullion. He wished to withdraw the Bullion. This produced my letter to you of 11 Feby. This is more unfortunate, since this is the second instance of the Bullion of the same Depositor, wherein it was not verified at your Mint. He is an extensive purchaser of Gold, and although in many cases Miners & Depositors form unreasonable expectations, yet it seems this is not the case in this instance. The Bank of the State of N. Carolina was formerly one of our largest Depositors. The President of it (Judge Cameron) expressed to me much anxiety about the great complaint made by the Depositors of Bullion with the Bank of the unsatisfactory character of the assays of Dr Gibbon.

Yours of the 29th ult enclosing a statement of the a/c of this Branch for last Quarter is recd.

Notice in Dr Gibbon's Report dated 31 March 1841 he wishes sundry articles furnished, such as black lead pot covers, small size Hessian crucibles and a Keg of Salt-petre. These can be ordered. He also calls for 12 Carboys of Nitric acid. He has already on hand some 10 or 15 carboys of nitric acid which is enough for a year in advance, and I am unwilling to encounter the unnecessary accumulation of material.

Very respectfully your Obt Servt

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint Phila.

M. A. Muller

Received this 31 March 1841 of Dr. R. M. Patterson Director of the Mint at Philadelphia the Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Seven 11/100 Dollars, it being the Amount remaining in his hands as Agent for furnishing the Fixtures &c of the Branch Mint at Charlotte No. Ca. to be transferred to my debit on the books of the Treasury Department, and by me credited to the Treasurer of the U. States this day as p. Returns of 1st Quarter 1841.

$257.11

Jno. H. Wheeler
Treasurer

From
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte N.C.
Apr. 10, 1841.
Rec'd " 22, "

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Mint U.S.
April 12/41

Sir,

The report of the operations of your Mint for the month of March has been duly received.

In the communication to you, from the Assayer, he says, — "He will need a small cask of of black lead pot covers of a size less than the no. 12s ~~sent~~ last sent; and that he also requires a cask of Hessian crucibles of small sizes, and a keg of salt petre". He also calls "for 12 carboys of good nitric acid for the refinery."

You stated your impression, when you were here, that you would not need a supply of acid and crucibles ~~f~~ to be sent from this place, and I must therefore ask for your order before the requisition of Dr. Gibbon can be attended to by Mr. Dunning. — As some time may elapse before Small Pot-covers can be procured, I may mention that our men ~~sometimes supply themselves by~~ are in the habit, when necessary, of cutting down the larger covers, before annealing them.

R. M. P.
D.

Sd/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte

To/

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

April 12, 1841.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 23 April 1841

Sir

I herewith forward assay slip No. 3 of this Branch fineness .900 weight $\frac{960}{1000}$ths of an Ounce.

Yours of the 12th is rec.d, to which mine of the 16th seemed to answer in anticipation.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Serv.t

Jno. H. Wheeler
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Charlotte.

Apr. 23, 1860.

Rec'd " 29.

A.

Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the United States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 30th April 1841.

Date of Depo:	Date of Assay	Description of Bullion	Weight before Melting	Weight after Melting	Stand.d Weight Ozs. dwts	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions.
April 1.	April 3.	Bar & Amalgam	7. 44	6. 92	4. 651	86. 53	86. 53
5.	7	Pieces	5. 65	5. 50	5. 426	100. 95	100. 95
"	"	Bars	61. 06	60. 96	47. 413	882. 10	873. 05
"	"	Amalgam	8. 05	7. 40	7. 400	137. 67	137. 67
7.	10	Bars & Amalg.m	16. 13	15. 75	11. 961	222. 52	222. 52
"	"	Bar Pieces & Amalg.m	20. 58	20. 56	14. 387	267. 62	267. 62
10.	"	Bar	11. 98	11. 98	10. 274	191. 14	191. 14
"	"	Bar	4. 04	4. 04	3. 491	64. 95	64. 95
14.	14	Bars & Pieces	15. 85	15. 84	16. 372	304. 60	304. 60
"	"	Amalgam	3. 91	3. 86	4. 160	77. 40	77. 40
15	20	Amalgam	16. 91	16. 00	14. 755	274. 51	274. 51
17.	"	Amalgam	6. 15	5. 35	4. 837	89. 99	89. 99
"	"	Bar	5. 57	5. 50	5. 652	105. 15	105. 15
"	"	Amalgam	10. 49	9. 80	8. 645	160. 84	160. 84
19.	"	Bars	738. 94	738. 74	732. 285	13. 623. 88	13. 623. 88
20.	"	Amalgam & Bars	33. 84	33. 23	34. 658	644. 80	644. 80
22.	28	Bar	8. 63	8. 61	9. 287	172. 78	172. 78
23.	"	Amalgam	5. 92	5. 59	5. 278	98. 20	98. 20
24	"	Bars & grains	11. 46	11. 45	9. 833	182. 94	182. 94
26	"	Bars	53. 71	53. 61	39. 193	729. 17	721. 40
27	"	Bars	34. 38	34. 38	28. 877	537. 25	532. 15
"	"	Bars	7. 86	7. 85	6. 837	127. 20	127. 20
"	"	Grains	15. 75	15. 18	14. 773	274. 85	274. 85
"	"	Bars	46. 23	46. 23	42. 087	783. 01	783. 01
28.	"	Pieces & Amalg.m	21. 81	21. 78	18. 898	351. 59	351. 59
			1.172. 34.	1.166. 11	1.101. 430	20.491. 64	20.469. 78

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 30th April 1841

Sir

I have the honor of reporting the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month ending this day.

The Paper marked A, will exhibit the Kinds and amount of Bullion received for Coinage

The paper marked B, being a copy of the Report of the Coiner to me, will exhibit the amount and Kind of Coinage.

No Report is yet received from the Assayer, Metter & Refiner.

The favorable amount of Bullion received for Coinage this Month is a subject of congratulation, as well as the Coinage executed. The Coiner is busily employed in another Coinage to day:- An assay slip No. 4 of the Ingots is inclosed weight $\frac{150}{1000}$ths of an Ounce fineness .899 5/ —

I have the honor
to be very respectfully
Your ob. servant
Jno. H. Wheeler
Superintendent

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Coiner's Office U. S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C. 30 April 1841

Sir

I have the honor of reporting to you the Amount of Coinage executed during this Month to be in half Eagles 1.620 pieces equal to $8.100— which is ready to be delivered on the return of the verification

Balance due Treasurer on 31 March			210.404
Rec'd from Treas'r in half Eagle Bgots	April 21		761.710
" " " "	April 29		822.280
	Amount of		1.794.394
Deliv'd Treas'r in clippings	April 20.	197.510	
" " "	April 28	321.610	519.120
Balance due Treasurer at this time			1.275.274

[illegible] under the process of coining, with the exception of the Coinage mentioned in above—

Yours with respect
(Signed) John R. Bolton
Coiner

To

D. A. Wheeler Esq
Supt &c.

From Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
April 30. 1841
Rec'd May 6, "

(Report for April.)

1.05

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Free

SHIPPED in good order and well-conditioned, by **A. LAFITTE & BROTHER**, on

Sold by Briggs & Walker, 85 East-Bay.

board the good Brig called the Randolph whereof

Goldsmith is Master for the present voyage, now lying in the

port of **Charleston**, and bound for Philadelphia to say:

U S M Six Barrels Smiths

being marked and numbered as in the margin and are to be delivered in the like good order and well-conditioned, at the aforesaid port of Philadelphia (the danger of the Seas only excepted) unto The Directors of the U S Mint or to their assigns, he or they paying freight for the said Bbls

Fifty Cents each

with —— primage and average accustomed. In Witness Whereof, the master or agent of the said vessel hath affirmed to 3 Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated in **Charleston**, the 1 day of May 1841

S Goldsmith

Charleston May 1. 1841

To/ The Directors of the
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Gentlemen

Annexed We hand you B/L per Brig Randolph Sailed to-day for Six Bills Swiss Received from the Branch Mint at Charlotte N. C. which we wish Safe to hand

We have Charged the Br. Mint at Charlotte with the expences here

Very Respectfully Yours

A. Lafitte & Brother

From A. Lafitte & Brother,
Charleston, S.C.
May 1, 1841.
Recd " 6. "

To the Directors of the
United States Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

May 1841

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Mint of the U. States,
May 6th, 1841.

Sir,

I received, this morning, your letter of the 30th ult., with the report of the operations of your Mint for April, which, I am glad to see, shows an increase in your deposites.

The assay-slip, of your Melt no. 4, which you sent enclosed, has been tested by Mr. Eckfeldt, who reports the fineness at 899.4 Th, coinciding almost exactly, with the report of Dr. Gibbons.

I have received, from Mess. Lafitte & Brother, a bill of Lading of 6 bbls. of sweeps, sent from your Mint. We will attend to it on its arrival.

R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler
Supt. B. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/ Col. Chas. H. Wheeler,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

May 6. 1841.

Mint U. S.

May 19th, 1841.

Sir,

On the 6th inst. I mentioned that I had received, from A. Lapitte & Brother of Charleston, a bill of lading of six bbls of sweep from your Mint. This sweep has since come duly to hand; and we have had the whole of it taken out, carefully mixed, and specimens selected for assay. The results are as follows:

Weight 1932 lbs = 17 cwt 1 qr.

Gold, at $13.10 per Cwt.		$225.95
Silver " 3.57 p "		60.63
		286.58
Deduct for Refining charge $7 per Cwt		120.75
Net value of Sweep		$165.83

By consulting my letter of the 12th of March, you will see that this result corresponds, very satisfactorily, with the estimate there given.

We are surprized at the quantity of your sweep, and should be glad to know whence it arises. Our gold sweep here, for the last year, was only three barrels.

It has occurred to me that possibly you may use too many crucibles in

melting down deposites. At this mint, one Hessian crucible is used, on an average, for six melts of this kind. It is always introduced into ~~another~~ a pot crucible ~~of~~ a black-lead pot, to protect it, which may be used about thirty times. Bars and coins are melted down with a small quantity of borax, which makes the melted metal so fluid that it can be poured out clean, without leaving any portion adhering to the crucible, to be accounted for to the depositor as "grains." Amalgam and dust must be melted down with a flux of nitre, and, if not sufficiently fluid, borax is ~~afterwards~~ added. ~~In this case the~~ When nitre is used, the flux is melted down with borax, and a king of metal is formed, which goes to the depositor.

We shall take the earliest opportunity of selling your sweep, and I will then report to you the amount received for it.

R. M. P.

To

Col. John H. Wheeler,
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

Remark — May 24th, — on foregoing letter.

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The Gold-melter, Henry Summers, states that the number of sand-pots used in melting gold deposites, from March 8th to May 24th, was 55, and the number of gold deposites was 157, showing an average of 3 deposites to a pot, — instead of 6 as stated in the letter. — The reason is that many of the pots fail in the first melt.

To
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

May 19/41.

The number of sand pots used
in melting Gold deposites from
March 8th to May 24th is 56 pots — 157 —
12 of which were not melted

May 24th 1841

H Summers

U. S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N C
25th May '41

Sir

I enclose an assay slip no 5 reported fineness 900 ~~th~~ weight $\frac{080}{1000}$ ounce.

Very respectfully
Your ob. servant
J N O H Wheeler
Superintendent

Dr. R M Patterson
Director &c
Phila

From
Col. Jno. D. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

May 25.
Rec'd June 3, 1841.

June
1841

A.

Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the Branch Mint of the U. States at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 31 May 1841

Date of Depo:	Date of Assay	Description of Bullion	Weight before Melting	Weight after Melting	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	Stan.d Weight decs.	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions
May 1.	May 4	Grains	39. 58	38. 72	41.	731	776. 40	Same
"	"	Bars	10. 24	10. 23	6.	977	129. 80	"
3.	"	Amalgam	5. 35	5. 11	5.	074	94. 40	"
8	10	Pieces	6. 66	6. 66	7.	192	133. 80	"
"	"	Bar	5. 53	5. 53	5.	191	96. 58	"
"	"	Amalgam	12. 87	11. 95	11.	922	221. 80	"
10	19	Bar	5. 69	5. 65	5.	693	105. 91	"
13	"	Bar	5. 80	5. 80	6.	063	112. 80	"
17.	"	Bars	9. 94	9. 94	7.	222	134. 36	"
"	"	Bar (refined)	9. 58	9. 28	8.	145	151. 53	"
20	24	Amalgam	30. 89	29. 56	30.	216	562. 16	"
21	"	Pieces	9. 56	9. 56	6.	818	126. 85	"
22	"	Amalgam	16. 32	15. 37	16.	131	300. 11	"
24	"	Sovereigns	17. 65	17. 65	17.	943	333. 82	"
"	"	Amalgam	28. 17	26. 85	25.	462	473. 71	"
"	"	Bar	11. 74	11. 74	11.	973	222. 75	"
"	29	Bar (refined)	8. 24	7. 36	6.	582	122. 45	"
29	"	Bar	5. 65	5. 65	6.	088	113. 26	"
			239. 46	232. 61	226.	423	4. 212.	49.
				17 65	17	943	333	82
				214 96	208	480	3,878	67

[1] no assays in this week

B.

Coiner's Office U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 31 May 1841

Sir

I have the honor of reporting to you the amount of Coinage executed during this Month to be in Quarter Eagles 4000 pieces equal to $10.000 which is ready for delivery on the receipt of the verifications.

Bal.ce due the Treas.r on 30 April	Ozs. 1.275.274	
Bullion rec.d in ¼ Eagles Ingots 24 May	939.440.	
	2.214.714	
Deliv.d to Treas.r in Coin 8 May	Ozs. 432.956	
" " " 15 "	494.500	
" " Clippings 19 "	321.370	1.248.826
Bal.ce due Treasurer at this date		Ozs. 965.888

which has undergone the operations of Coining as you will see by the Amount of Coinage stated above.

Yours most respectfully
(Signed) John R. Bolton
Coiner

John H. Wheeler Esq.r
Sup.t &c.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 31 May 1841

To

The Superintendent of the Mint

Sir

All deposites received during the current month have been assayed.

During this Month I have received 942 $\frac{692}{1000}$ Ounces Standard of Gold Bullion and have returned 939 $\frac{52}{100}$ Ounces of Stand.d Ingots for Coinage.

(signd) P. H. Gilbow
Assayer Melter & Refiner

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 31 May 1841

Sir

I have the honor of reporting the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month ending this day.

The paper A will show the amount and kinds of Gold Bullion received for coinage, which I regret exhibits so small an Amount.

The paper B being a copy of the Coiners Report, will show the Amount and Kinds of Coinage executed.

The paper C is a copy of Melter & Refiners Report.

Your letter of the 19th Inst I will answer next mail.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Jno. H. Wheeler
Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
May 31. 1841.
Recd June 7, "

May report.

(Copy.)

U. S. Branch Mint,
Charlotte, N.C. 1 June, 1841.

Sir,

As Superintendent of the Branch Mint at this place, I would state that its operations are impeded, and its success entirely frustrated, by the neglect of official duty, incompetency, and insubordination of the person appointed to discharge the duty of Assayer Melter & Refiner, John H. Gibbons.

I request for the above reasons that you appoint in his stead believing and expecting that in his attention to duty the public interests will be safe, in whose competency the community will have confidence, and in whose demeanor the Chief officer of this Branch can rely for that support & co-operation that is essential to success.

I refer you to the Director of the Mint at Phil^a, who has by law the general direction of the Mint and its Branches, for the well founded complaints against this officer, the character of the person recommended as his successor, and my own official observance & faithful discharge of duty.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
your Obt. Servt.

To,
His Excellency,
The President of the
United States.

(Signed) Jno. H. Wheeler,
Superintendent.

(Copy.)

U. S. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C., June 1, 1841.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your's of the 19th inst., acknowledging the receipt of the sweep of this Mint. As regards the accumulation, at which you express your surprise, it is accounted for by the whole sweep of the Refinery Melting rooms of both deposites & ingots, which comprise not only the gold, but the silver sweep also. This I learn from Mr. Torres and Mr. Erwin, for when your Communication arrived Dr. Gibbon was absent in the country where he lives, and to consult with him when he is here, is absolutely impossible from his unaccomodating & strange demeanor. I am thus cut off from the chief support as the Supt. of this Mint; and I now officially inform you that this Mint cannot successfully progress, without a more attentive, efficient, & competent officer for Assayer. You are aware how long I have forbrine with Dr. Gibbon, and forbearance on my part only increases his contempt of duty & arrogant demeanor. I therefore enclose a letter to the President, which you will after perusal, fill up the blank with the name of some competent person, and do me the favor to forward.

As you will observe that I take these the grounds:

1st. Neglect of Official duty; and in support of this I state that he is absent for days at a time from this Mint at his residence in the County without explanation or consent; and the duty of Assayer requires daily attention; not only as Assayer, but as Melter & Refiner is his duty neglected; for the Coiner's men are often days and weeks without work, or ingots to form Coin, when heavy amounts of Bullion are in the Treasurer's hands. And

2d. Incompetency of Official duty. In support of this I state that long & continued complaints are made to the Supt. of the unsatisfactory character of the assays, that they varied from the assays formerly made here and from the uniform assays of the Mother Mint at Phila. Such complaints have been so serious as to cut off entirely from us the chief source of supply of Bullion from Bmko, an important mining region, which now sends its bullion to Richter, Phila, and elsewhere, the Miners being unwilling to submit any longer to the vacillating assays here. — The Bank of the State of N. Carolina, which has formerly been a depositor to the amount of nearly $150,000 has been compelled to send away from the very doors of the Mint heavy amounts of bullion from the want of confidence in the Assayer. For this fact, the Hon. Duncan Cameron, Pres't of the Bank at Raleigh is referred to.

[is not found]

Whether this want of confidence, or not, it matters not to the future utility of the institution, the effect is to destroy its usefulness & success. But in several instances under my own eye as well as your own has the depositor been dissatisfied with Dr. Gibbon's assays, when pieces were taken from the same bar of bullion & sent to your Assayer, whose assays did not verify Dr. Gibbon's by several thousandths. These facts are well known to you, and unfortunately are well known here, and have a most disastrous effect on the public mind, so that the deposites for all this Month only amount to about $14,000, as you see by the report sent on yesterday.

The 3d is Official insubordination. In support of this I state that Dr. Gibbon has never acted as a subordinate Officer in this Mint, but always acted as though he was independent of all control; however necessary, expedient, proper any duty might be proposed by the Supt., it is in your knowledge that he has never obeyed except by coercion from the Director. This is not only subversive of all good order here, and destructive to the success of the Mint, but renders your duties harassing & unpleasant by these appeals from the exercise of the most salutary authority. My intercourse therefore has been as seldom as possible & strictly official. But not only in these details does this insubordination (which has been so long patiently borne by me) but last week (the 29th) it broke out into open violence as I will detail to you.

By the Mail of that date I recd a letter from the acting Comptroller of the Treasury "adjusting the a/cs of 1st Quarter 1841" requesting an explanation as to 2 sacks of Salt purchased. As soon as Dr. Gibbon came in, I sent the Vouchers by the Door-Keeper, which had been sent me without the certificate that they were "for the use of the Mint", with a request that in conformity with your instructions, that he should certify that the Salt was purchased "for the use of the Mint". The paper was returned without this necessary Statement. I then took it in myself, and politely requested him to make the Statement which had been neglected when the Vouchers were forwarded. He stated that he knew nothing about the Salt. I referred him to his men (Jones & Irwin) who both knew & stated that the Salt was procured for the Refinery, and used directly by him. He still refused. I then stated that in future when articles were desired by him for the use of the Mint, I would desire in the first instance, a requisition in writing, as then no misapprehension cd arise. He flew into a most violent rage, and ordered me to leave the Assay room: on my not complying with this extraordinary request, he seized me most violently by the throat, and pushed me beyond the door, accompanying this violence with the most intemperate abuse, such as "you are an impudent fellow", "great impertinence", and other epithets. Such conduct has no excuse

But one course is left me to pursue - to demand another officer in his stead, in whose attention & duty the public interests will be safe; and in whose competency the community will have confidence, & in whose demeanor I may rely for that official intercourse that shd constantly exist between the Superintendant & Assayer for harmonious & successful operations".

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully,
Your obedt. Servt.
(Signed) Jno. H. Wheeler,
Superintendant.

Dr. R. M. Patterson,
Director of the Mint,
Philada.

Dupl.

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

June 1, 1841.

Recd " B " "

(Copy - Original sent to Sec. of Treasury, June 8, '41.)

Mint of the U. S.
June 5, 1841.

Sir,

The Slip from your melt No. 5, enclosed in your letter of the 25th ult., has been assayed by Mr. Eckfeldt who reports its fineness to be 899.3. Thousandths.

R. M. P.
Director.

To)
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. &c.
Charlotte,
N.C.

June 5, 1841.

Mint of the United States.
June 8th, 1841.

Sir,

I received yesterday, from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, the two letters which I send ~~enclosed~~ herewith, ~~the first to the~~ One is to the President of the United States, the other to myself. You will see from them that the Superintendent, Col. John H. Wheeler, and the Assayer, Dr. John H. Gibbon, have had a ~~personal~~ official dispute which most unhappily ended in personal insult and violence, on the part of the latter. Such, at least, is the representation of one of the parties, and that one the principal officer of the Mint.

Under these circumstances, the Superintendent applies for the removal of the Assayer, on the grounds of "neglect of official duty, incompetency, and insubordination," and the President is referred to me for evidence that these complaints are well founded. I now, therefore, proceed to consider these ~~specifications~~ complaints, with such evidence as I have before me.

1st. Neglect of official duty. In the specification, under this head, given in the letter to me, it is stated that the Assayer "is absent, for days at a time, from the Mint, at his residence in the country, without explanation or concert." — It is unquestionably the duty of the officer to be daily at his post, and if detained necessarily from it, explanations should

be given, if required. It does not appear, however, from the ~~specific~~ words of ~~Col. Wh~~ the Superintendent that the absences from the Mint are habitual, or that they occur without sufficient reason. — The monthly reports ~~received from the~~ sent to me show that, almost uniformly, the deposites brought within the month are all assayed, and generally within a short time after they are brought. In one instance, indeed, during the last month, (May,) there was a whole week passed over without an assay; but I do not know ~~cannot say~~ that there may not have been some sufficient reason for the apparent neglect; and besides, during this week, only four small deposites were made, amounting together to but 31 oz. — It is stated, moreover, in this specification, that "the Coiner and his Men are often days and weeks without ingots to form coin, when heavy amounts of ~~ingots~~ bullion are in the Treasurer's hands." — The force of this accusation must depend upon the value to be given to the words "heavy amounts of bullion." — We avoid, at this Mint, when possible, making a ~~gold~~ melt of gold ingots of less than about 1500 oz. In the Charlotte Mint, smaller melts ~~at~~ should be made, and I see that Dr. Gibbon returned, in the last month, 940 oz. in ingots. Still there must be a reasonable limit in this respect. Now, in the month of May, the whole standard weight of the deposites was but

226½ oz. It would not then be matter of surprise, or of complaint, if the Coiner were "days and weeks without work, or ingots to form coin." — With the information, therefore, ~~which I possess~~ now in my possession, I cannot pronounce upon the validity of this first specification. — The next is

2d. Incompetency of Official duty. — In support of this charge, the Superintendent ~~the~~ states that "long and continued complaints are made to him of the unsatisfactory character of the assays, — that they varied from the uniform assays of the Mother Mint at Philadelphia." — that "such complaints have become so serious as to cut off the chief source of supply of bullion from Burke, an important mining region, which now sends its bullion to Bechler, Philadelphia, and elsewhere"; — that "the Bank of the State of North Carolina, which has formerly been a depositor to ~~the~~ an amount of nearly $150,000, has been compelled to send away, from the very doors of the Mint, heavy amounts of bullion from this want of confidence in the Assayer." —

Of the cases of dissatisfaction with Dr. Gibbon's assays, only one has been brought to direct test, ~~by~~ at this Mint, and that was in the month of March last. ~~There~~ There were two assay-slips sent on to us. In the first Dr. Gibbon's assay gave 853 thousandths for the fineness, and Mr. Eckfeldt's 862½: in the second Dr. Gibbon's report was 832 ~~#~~, and Mr.

Eckfeldt's 846/2. Supposing the last assays correct, the loss to the depositor, by Dr. Fitton's report, would be 1.1 per cent on the first, and 1.7 per cent on the second. In the assays of this description, then, it is shown that Dr. Fitton committed an error too great to be overlooked in the present state of the art. But it must be remarked that this seems to have been ~~looked upon~~ viewed at Charlotte as an extreme case, and that in so delicate an operation as ~~that of~~ assaying, an error may occur without giving proofs of incompetence. ~~The~~ Nor is the fact that bullion is sent to Bechtler's Mint, in Philadelphia, a proof of want of confidence in the Mint at Charlotte. Bechtler can afford to offer better terms, since his fine dollar piece is worth but about $4.84 or 4.85, ~~this about of the same value as the British sovereign~~ on which I asked attention in my last annual report. Gold is sent to Philadelphia as a remittance, and it is quite as convenient to send it in the form of bullion as in that of coins. As to the statement that the Charlotte Mint has lost, from want of confidence in the assayer, the deposits of the Bank of the State of North Carolina, which has formerly been a depositor to the amount of nearly $150,000," I think there must be some mistake. At least this

cannot refer to an annual deposite, since, during the successive three years that the Charlotte Mint has been in operation, the deposites thereof have been $130,600, $126,836, and $124,726. [$127,540 — See Ltr Jan 25/41, Letter Book I]

But the point in question is the competency of the Assayer, and of this I have ample means to form a judgment, for I have required, from the establishment of the two Gold Mints, that slips be sent me for assay from every melt of ingots, and approved by me before the coins from any such melt shall be delivered. The results have shown that Dr. Gibbes is competent to the double task which he has to perform, as an Assayer, and a Melter & Refiner. I must, therefore, dissent from the charge made in the second specification. The last charge is

3d: Official insubordination. This has long subsisted an unhappy want of good understanding between the Superintendent and Assayer, which has frequently called for my interference. In these cases of difference I have believed Dr. Gibbes to be generally in the wrong, but he has always yielded immediately to my decision. That he has been guilty of insubordination to the Superintendent I cannot either assert or deny, for this is a kind of military offence, that cannot well be defined in the government of a Mint. That a gross offence was

given by Dr. Gibbon
~~committed~~ in the personal dispute which occurred a week ago between these officers cannot be doubted; but ~~I am ignorant~~ it would certainly be wrong to act upon ~~this~~ case without ~~having~~ hearing the representation which the accused party may have to give of the matter.

Under all these circumstances, it appears to me that the case is as yet only one for inquiry and investigation; ~~which~~ and this I would have undertaken ~~well~~ before troubling you with it, if I had not felt that I could ~~take properly take the responsibility of withholding~~ not with propriety withhold Col. Wheeler's official letter to the President, or send it without presenting at the same time my views on the subject to which it calls his attention.

R. M. P.

To
Hon. Thomas Ewing
Secretary of the Treasury.

To
Sec. of Treasury.
(8)
June 8 1841.

Treasury Department
June 14. 1841.

Sir

Your communication dated the 8th. instant enclosing two letters from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, one addressed to the President of the United States and one to yourself was duly received.

I will thank you to procure all the information you can in relation to the subject matter of those letters and to report it to this Department to be submitted to the President to enable him to act understandingly in the matter.

Very Respectfully
Your Obed. Servt

T. Ewing
Sec. of the Treasury.

To R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad.

From

Sec. of Treasury.

June 14, 1841.

Rec'd " 16, "

D 243. paid

New York, 16 June 1841

R. M. Patterson Esqr.

Director of the United States Mint

Philadelphia

Sir,

We have to acknowledge receipt of your much esteemed letter of the 9 instant, handing memorandum of our deposit of Bullion of 4 idem. Accept our thanks for your prompt attention, and for the useful information you obligingly add on the subject. Such details are extremely acceptable, and we hope may, in time, lead to greater accuracy in Mexico, where one bar of the present parcel seems to have been overcharged about 100 $. The result of the remainder is as good as we could expect.

At your convenience, we shall be obliged by the transmission of the memorandum of our separate deposit of 4 instant, of a small parcel of old Silver, for which we are desirous of settling with the parties to whom it belongs.

We are, Sir, very respectfully

Your most obedient Servants

Howland & Aspinwall

Frank

Mess. Howland & Aspinwall,

New York

Jan 16/41.

Rec'd. 17th.

Mint U.S.

June 16th, 1841.

Sir,

~~Your letter of the 1st inst.~~ I have to acknowledge the receipt, on the 7th, of your letter of the 1st inst., in which you presented a series of specifications against the Assayer of the ~~Mint~~ Branch Mint at Charlotte, which you made the ~~foundation~~ ground of an application to the President for his removal from office. Those communications were sent to the Secretary of the Treasury, by whom I am instructed "to procure all the information I can in relation to the subject, and to report it to the Department, to be submitted to the President, to enable him to act understandingly in the matter."

I will thank you, therefore, to give me such additional information, with regard to this unhappy case, as you may be in your power to communicate, and to accompany it by the best evidence that the circumstances will admit. I will ask your attention particularly to the following points.

Under your first specification, of neglect of duty, I would be glad to know, at what distance Dr. Gibbon resides from the Mint: whether he always returns home at night: & whether the "absences for days", of which you complain, are

habitual, ~~occurrence~~ or of frequent occurrence, and for how many days at a time. Please to inform me whether the assays, for each month, are not now generally completed in time for your monthly report, and whether ~~any~~ any assays are delayed so as give rise to just complaint on the part of depositors. You say that "the Coiner and his Men are often days and weeks without ingots to form coin, when heavy amounts of bullion are in the Treasurer's hands". As the ~~value~~ force of this accusation must depend upon the value to be given to the words "heavy amounts of bullion", I will thank you to state the actual amounts, in standard ounces, that have been ~~the delay~~ left in your hands, through delay of the Assayer, and for how long a time. I wish, also, in connexion with this point, to know ~~who~~ the general weight of a melt of ingots at your Mint, and the smallest melts that have been made.

Your second charge is of Incompetency. — On ~~this point~~ this direct point ~~of incompetence~~, we have means here of forming a judgment; but you include, in your specification, ~~cases that may equally arise from carelessness or neglect~~, ~~and~~ the assertion that ~~the~~ Assayer has, whatever may be the cause, lost the confidence of many of your largest depositors, and you particularly specify the Bank of the State of

North Carolina which, you say, "has formerly been a depositor to an amount of nearly $150,000". In support of this point, you refer to direct evidence which I will, therefore, thank you to procure; and I would wish to know, not only whether their confidence in the Assayer was actually withdrawn, but whether this was the sole cause of the diminution of their deposits, & to what extent. — Has there really been a sensible falling off in your deposits? For the three years that you have been in operation, they are $130,600, $126,836, and $127,540. In the last month (May) there was, indeed, as you observe a great deficiency, (but ($4,212.49,) but in the previous month, (April,) there was $20,491.64, which is considerably above the average.

As to the third specification, for insubordination, you have been sufficiently explicit, ~~and all that is required is evidence, especially as to~~ the last lamentable affray cannot be too deeply regretted; but you will see the propriety of not making it a subject for action, until the representations of the accused party can be heard & recorded. If you have any further information to give, as to this point, however, you will please to communicate it.

Thanks, by the present mail, I sent a copy of your specifications to Dr. Gibbon, and have requested him to present his reply to them

in writing, with such evidence as he may think it proper to procure regarding the case.

It is my wish that a formal and legal investigation be avoided if possible, and I do not think that it can be necessary.

R. M. P.

Dr

To/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. U. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Received
1841
Charlotte

June 16, 1841.

To/ Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. U. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Mint U. S.

June 16th, 1841.

Sir,

In a letter of the 1st inst., the Superintendent of the Charlotte Mint transmitted to me a series of Specifications against you in relation to your official conduct, of which I now send a copy enclosed. They are made the foundation of an application from him to the President for your removal; in consequence of which I am instructed, by the Secretary of the Treasury, to procure all the information I can in relation to the matter, and make report to the Department, to be submitted to the President, to enable him to act understandingly in the case.

I am therefore to request your immediate attention to the accusations made against you in the Specifications of Col. Wheeler, to which you will present to me your written reply. In this reply you will see the propriety of accompanying this reply, by such evidence in confirmation of it as you may be able to procure.

R. M. P.

Dr. John H. Gibbon,
Assayer of Branch Mint U.S.
Charlotte, N.C.

To:

Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon,
Assayer Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

June 16, 1841.

Mint U.S.
June 18/41.

Sir,

The sweep sent to us last from your Mint, has been sold to Geo. Greenfield of New York, according to the estimate which I communicated to you in my letter of the 19th ult., and the amount, viz. One hundred and sixty five dollars and 83 cents, [$165.83,] has been placed to your ~~credit~~ credit ~~by~~ on my books, Mr. Dunning, under date of the 16th inst., to be ~~used~~ kept subject to your orders.

R. M. P.

To/
Col. John H. Wheeler
Sup. & Treas. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,

Supt. Br. Mint,

Charlotte, N.C.

June 18, 1841.

(Copy.)

"U. S. Br. Mint,

Charlotte, N.C., 23d June, 1841.

"Sir,

Yours of the 16th inst arrived last mail, & while I have no reason to complain of the promptness & fairness of your course, I regret that it is deemed necessary to protest more as regards the removal of the Assayer of this Branch.

I take up your letter promptly, and answer that Dr. Gibbon's residence is about 4 miles in the country; that he uniformly returns home at night; his absences for days are habitual, about ½ a week at a time. The assays for each month are generally completed in time for my monthly report, and this is sometimes caused by the Clerk throwing in another months deposits received at the end of one month. Assays are now delayed so as to give rise to just complaints on the part of the Depositor; for instance, a depositor made a deposite on Monday last, & this Morning called for his coin which is yet unassayed (Wednesday noon.) But complaints have so frequently been made, and so unavailing, that we have had no depositors to complain - only one this week.

The actual amounts in Standard ounces left in my hands at different dates, (paper A. will state, which shows the "unaccountable delays" mentioned in your letter to the Secretary of Treasury of 17 Oct. 1838, & to whom they are properly attributable; The different dates will also answer the inquiry as to the length of time that this bullion has been uncoined; at this date I have in coin only about $14,750, which leaves in gold bullion uncoined $15,250, and yet no ingots cast for the last 30 days.

The average weight of the Melts of Ingots is 908 ounces, - the smallest was 378 $\frac{320}{1000}$ ounces, - the largest 2,034 $\frac{110}{1000}$ Oz.

As to the incompetency of the Assayer, you very correctly remark that you have means of forming a judgment. Depositors have carried gold from the same mine to this Mint and to Philadelphia and they have materially varied.

I enclose two Copies of Assay Memorandums marked

B & C, which if necessary will be proved to as being the same bullion, purchased of the same person from the same mine. The variation is 29 thousandths. You know the variation of the deposites Nos. 34 & 35 as shown in your letter of the 12th March last. I enclose "direct evidence" marked D & E of the utter want of confidence in the most important depositors. I have written to Judge Cameron at Raleigh & requested him to send a duplicate copy of the letter to you. The reputation of these gentlemen is beyond reproach. The Bank recently at one time sent 12,000 dol. of gold from the very door of this Mint, not because the Mint was not in operation, but for want of confidence in the Assayer, which was the sole cause; considerable amount are now lying in this place, waiting a conveyance to the North.

There has been a sensible falling off in my deposits. May was only $4,212.49, and June, to this date is 194.478 Oz. = $3,618.18, and no prospect under present circumstances of its increase, altho' mining is vigorously prosecuted, and gold bullion is successfully found. It is true that April presented a very fair show, but it was illusive, since a heavy deposite of $13,000 from South Carolina swelled its amount, and this depositor had to go away without all his coin.

You compare the three years that we have been in operation. Had the Assayer been prompt in his duty (for frequently in these years, bullion laid 20 & sometimes 30 days without assay) instead of $130,000 (the largest coinage) we would have coined $250,000 annually at least. At the rate of the last two months our coinage for this year cannot exceed $50,000.

In conclusion, I have shown the neglect of duty of the Assayer; and the want of confidence in the community in his skill - but if these facts were not conclusively shown, the unwarrantable conduct towards the Superintendent as detailed in mine of the 7th inst. would demand his removal. Self-respect forbids my saying more on this point. My private wrongs, I trust, I am always ready and able to avenge, but when deliberate injury & insult are offered to my Office, and the of-

fender is not in my power, I must look with confidence to the justice of firmness of those who have a superior "control & regulation" to protect the offended law."

"I have the honor to be,"

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

(Signed.) Jno. H. Wheeler,

Superintendent."

"Dr. R. M. Patterson,

Director of the Mint,

Philadelphia."

(B.)

"Memorandum of Gold Bullion, deposited the 22d day of Sept. 1840, at the Mint of the U. S. at Philadn., by Burker & Potter, of Weight & Value as follows:

	Weight.				Fineness	Value.		Addition	Deduction	Net value
	Before melting		After Melting							
	Ounces,	dec.	Ounces,	dec.	1000 ths.	Dollars,	cts.			
"Dust	8	82	8	59	951	168	87	" (Not given)		—

"Credited A/c of W. W. Elms." —

A true copy from the original paper in my possession,

(Signed) Jno. H. Wheeler.

(Signed) "Geo. W. Edelman,

for the Treasurer of the Mint."

(C.) "Memorandum of Gold bullion, deposited the 19th day of Oct. 1840, at the Br. Mint of the U. S., at Charlotte, N.C. by J. H. Wheeler, of Wt. & value as follows:

Weight.				Fineness	Value.		&c	&c.	&c.
before melting.		After Melting							
Ounces,	dec.	Ounces,	dec.		Dollars	cts.			
7	20	6	97	922	132	78	" (Not given)		

"The above is a true & particular statement of a deposite made at the Mint, corresponding to Certificate, No. 207, issued herewith"

"(Signed) Wm. F. Strange,

for Acting Treasurer"

"A true copy from the books."

From/

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Branch Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
June 23, 1841.

Rec'd July 1, "

(Copy. Original sent to Sec. of Treasury, July 12, '41.)

July
1841

(Copy.) (A.)

"Amounts of Bullion received at Charlotte, N.C."

Dates.	Treas.r Vault.		Melter's Vault.		Coiner's Vault.		Total		Value.	
	Ozs.	dwt.	Ozs.	dwt.	Ozs.	dwt.	Ozs.	dwt.	Dollars	cts.
1839 June 30	953	492	516	746	750	721	2,220	959	41,320	15
July 31	937	648	67	863	650	536	1,656	047	30,810	17
Aug.t "	581	974	481	238	1,290	626	2,353	838	43,792	31
Sept. "	113	884	390	490	591	996	1,093	370	20,397	57
Oct. "	562	907	939	131	385	998	1,888	036	33,489	03
Nov. "	251	307	327	157	824	052	1,402	516	26,093	30
Dec. "	605	975	none		none		605	975	11,273	94
1840. Jan. "	855	011	none		none		855	011	15,907	16
Feb. "	540	161	428	650	864	378	1,833	189	34,105	83
March "	17	407	504	156	991	749	1,513	312	28,154	62
April "	717	405	504	156	397	810	1,619	371	30,129	81
May "	377	160	306	950	439	710	1,323	820	24,629	20
June "	535	018	278	665	370	455	1,184	138	22,030	45
July "	328	547	304	436	850	310	1,583	293	29,456	59
Aug.t "	153	720	414	838	769	630	1,336	183	24,859	20
Sept. "	186	159	158	648	987	513	1,332	320	24,787	24
Oct. "	338	692	838	233	394	650	1,571	575	29,238	59
Nov. "	538	808	74	201	1,096	798	1,704	607	31,713	60
Dec. "	584	806	none		none		584	806	10,880	10
1841. Jan. "	850	454	none		none		850	454	15,822	39
Feb. "	160	526	486	530	545	550	1,192	606	22,188	01
March "	242	559	302	447	210	404	755	412	14,054	15
April "	548	126	33	440	1,275	274	1,856	840	34,545	85
May "	153	907	36	012	965	888	1,155	807	21,503	38
June 23d.	748	362	36	012	37	096	821	470	15,282	151,,

D. (Copy.) (D.)

"Bank of the State of No. Ca.
Charlotte Agency 23d June, 1841.

"The undersigned would State that he is the agent of the Bank of the State of North Carolina, at this place, and has been since the year 1836; that since the establishment of the U.S. Branch Mint at this place, he has been a depositor from time to time (in his official capacity) of large amounts of gold bullion, procured principally by the agency of said Bank at Morganton (Burke County) from the Mines in that region. His bullion account shews that he has been a depositor to nearly one hundred & fifty thousand dollars; that for some time complaints have been made as to the unsatisfactory character of the Assays by the Assayer of the Charlotte B. Mint, as being lower than the uniform assays of the Mint at Philadelphia.

So serious have been the character of these complaints that the Bank has ceased to deposite any more bullion from that region of Country, in consequence of the above facts.

(Signed,) D. J. Blackwood Agt.

E.

"Charlotte N.C. 23d June, 1841.

"The undersigned would State that he has for a long time been one of the heaviest & most extensive dealers in Gold Bullion at this place, that he was the first depositor of Bullion at the organization of the B. Mint here, that his deposites here have been he believes equal to any other one individual. From his long experience in bullion the Character of the Mines, and the value of bullion has become somewhat familiar he has for sometime been much dissatisfied with the Character of the Assays of Bullion by the Assayer at the Charlotte Branch, and with good Cause as varying from the uniform assays of the same bullion at Philadelphia. That in consequence of this he has been reluctantly compelled to send his bullion away in an uncoined State.

at much trouble & expense, and not with any disposition to cavil at the character of the Mint & any of its Officers."

(Signed) "W. W. Elmes."

Assayer's Office U. S. Br: Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 26 June 1841

Sir

I hasten to reply to your letter of the 16 June enclosing a copy of the specifications made against me by Col.o Wheeler on the 1st inst. Your communication by some inadvertence was sent to Charleston S.C.a, and is endorsed "mesent". As it is Saturday and the mail leaves to morrow, I cannot prepare such a reply as is required before the next mail of Tuesday, when I hope to throw a very different light upon the subjects referred to.

I am with great respect
Your Ob.t Serv.t
J. W. Gibbes

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Treas.

Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon,
Assayer Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
June 26, 1841.
Rec'd July 3, "

STATEMENT

Of the Financial condition of the Branch of the U. S. Mint at Charlotte, N. C., 30 of June 1841

	Dollars.	Cents.
To amount due Depositors,	666.	77
" " of United States Deposite "to purchase metal for Coinage,"	32.000.	
" " gained by deductions from Deposites in Profit and Loss,	77.	21
	32.743.	98.

	Ozs.	Dws.	Dollars.	Cents.
By Gold Coin in Treasurer's Vault,			14.691.	67
" " Bullion do. do.	564	586	10.503	87
" Silver Coin do. do.			367.	68
" " Bullion do. do.				
" Gold do. in Melter and Refiner's do.,	261.	138	4.858.	29
" Silver do. do. do. do.,	1.303.	294	1.632.	32
" Gold do. in Coiner's do.,	37.	096	690	15
			32.743.	98

Respectfully submitted,

M. T. Strange, Clerk.

To the Superintendent

I Certify that the above amounts and statement are accurate, from an examination made by me this day.

_____, Superintendent.

TO THE DIRECTOR,

Philadelphia.

Charlotte, N. C. of 18 .

CHARLOTTE, N.S. - 1841 (CONT.)

(A.)

Bank of the State of No. Car.
June 28th. 1841

Sir,

I have this moment received your letter of the 25th. inst.

In April last I informed you that I had been advised by the agent of the Bank at Morgantown that the miners from whom he received Bullion refused to have it assayed at the Branch Mint at Charlotte, alledging that the difference in the Assays at that place and Philadelphia subjected them to great loss. The Bullion then on hand at Morgantown was sent to the Mint at Philadelphia, and the Assays proved to be entirely satisfactory to the miners.

The agent has now on hand upwards of 12000 dwts. which for the reason above stated will be sent to Philadelphia.

I am, Sir, Yrs

(Signed.) Duncan Cameron.

B

The Undersigned would state, that he was the Agent of the State Bank of No. Caro. and is at present the agent of the Bank of the State of No. Caro. at Morganton, and has been an extensive purchaser of bullion in his capacity as Agent, and has also been engaged in mining to some extent for the last 12 years That he had been in the habit of sending, to the Mint at Philadelphia, large amounts of Bullion, up to the establishment of the Branch in Charlotte, that soon after its establishment, he commenced making deposites in that Branch, and soon had reason to complain as he conceived of delays in making assays which were unreasonable, of loss from carelessness in smelting, and of inaccuracy as he believed in the assays. These causes of complaint were brought to the notice of the Superintendent, whose replies were that he could not control the Assayer, having no legal authority to do so. By having parcels of gold assayed separately at Charlotte and Philadelphia, he became convinced, that the loss, in numerous instances at Charlotte, amounted to from 1½ to 2½ per ct. and was induced to send at considerable expense a large quantity to Philadelphia; these assays fully confirmed the opinion of the inaccuracy of the assays in Charlotte. He has now on hand some 15000 dwts, and such

is the general want of confidence in the Branch at Charlotte, that most of the depositors have made it a condition of the sale, that the Gold should not be sent for assay to that Institution. The utility and convenience to this section of the county, and the impulse it is calculated to give to the mining interest, produces a very general wish to sustain the Institution, while the want of confidence in the Assays destroys its usefulness. 20,000 dwts pr. week have been stamped by Bechtler of Rutherford County, at an average expense of 2 pr. cent to the depositor, and circulated in that form, a great portion of which would be sent to the Charlotte Branch Mint as the undersigned believes, if they had an Assayer there, in whom the Miners and community generally had confidence.

(Signed)
J. J. Avery Agt.

Morganton Agency Bank
of the State of No. Carolina,
3d. July 1841.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 30 June 1841

Sir

I have the honor of reporting the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month ending this day.

The paper A, will show the amounts and Kinds of deposites received for Coinage.

There has been no Coinage executed this Month, no Ingots having been made by the Melter & Refiner. The Coiner's Report is herewith submitted marked B, and the Assayer's marked C.

Yours of the 18 Inst was duly received, and the amount of the Sweeps, credited by me to the United States, One Hundred and Sixty five Dollars 83 cents.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Mo. D. Mordecai
Superintendent

P. S. I would respectfully call your attention to the small amount received for the Sweeps, when the Wastage of the Melter & Refiner allowed was $432.72.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
June 30. 1841.
Rec'd July 8, "

(June Report.)

B

Coiner's Office U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca. 30 June 1841

Sir

I am under the painful duty of reporting no Coinage executed during this Month.

Balance due Treasurer 31 May		Ozs- 965. 888
No Bullion recd. this Month		
Amt. delivd. Treasr. in Coin 12 June	534. 812	
" " clippings 23 June	393. 980	928. 792
Balance due Treasr. at this time		Ozs- 37. 096

Yours respectfully
(signed) John R. Bolton Coiner

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J. H. Wheeler Esqr.
Supt. &c.

C.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 30 June 1841

To the Superintendent of the Mint

Sir

All deposites rec.d during this Month have been promptly assayed.

I have rec.d 225 126/1000 Stan.d Ounces of Gold Bullion during the Month for Separation.

(signed) J. H. Gibbon
Assayer, Melter & Refiner

A.—

Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 30th June 1841.

Date of Depos:	Date of Assay.	Description of Bullion.	Weight before Melting	Weight after Melting	Stand.d Weight Ozs.	dcs	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions
June 1.	June 1.	Bar	6. 44	6. 44	6.	082	113. 15	113. 15
"	"	Pieces & Amalgam	5. 36	5. 03	4.	257	79. 20	79. 20
"	"	Bar	39. 34	39. 34	31.	601	587. 92	582. 12
2.	5.	Bars	18. 51	18. 50	18.	586	345. 79	345. 79
7.	12	Bar	6. 28	6. 28	6.	236	116. 02	116. 02
10	"	Bechtler's Coin & Amalgm	10. 10	9. 82	9.	412	175. 12	175. 12
11.	"	Bars	10. 03	10. 00	10.	055	187. 07	187. 07
"	"	Bar & Amalgam	25. 24	24. 28	21.	718	404. 06	404. 06
"	"	Amalgam	6. 70	5. 96	5.	375	100. 00	100. 00
12.	16	Amalgam	7. 95	7. 60	7.	708	143. 40	143. 40
"	"	Bars	10. 87	10. 86	11.	631	216. 39	216. 39
15	"	Bars	56. 56	56. 53	40.	701	757. 23	749. 23
"	"	Bar	9. 33	9. 33	8.	115	150. 98	150. 98
16.	19	Bars	12. 73	12. 73	13.	001	241. 87	241. 87
21.	23.	Bars & grains	9. 15	9. 12	5.	997	111. 57	111. 57
24.	26.	Grains	5. 51	5. 41	5.	830	108. 46	108. 46
"	"	Grains	12. 85	12. 50	12.	777	237. 71	237. 71
25	"	Bar	5. 25	5. 25	5.	056	94. 06	94. 06
26	29	Amalgam	18. 55	18. 09	17.	687	329. 06	329. 06
			276. 75	273. 07	241.	825	4.499. 06	4.485. 26

(Copy)

U. S. Branch Mint,
Charlotte N°. Ca. 9. July 1841.

Sir,

I herewith enclose the "direct evidence" referred to in mine of the 1st. Inst., as to the incompetency of the Assays, and the want of confidence in the Community. The paper A. is a letter from the Hon'ble Duncan Cameron of Raleigh, which shows that the depositors who placed their Gold in the Bank complained of the Assays as being less than the Assays of the same bullion at Philad.a and subjecting them to great loss - that in consequence they sent 13,000 dwts past the very door of this Institution to Phila., and that the Miners were entirely satisfied with the Assays of the Philadelphia Mint.

The paper marked B. is a statement of Col°. Isaac B. Avery a gentleman of unblemished reputation, and of much character for intelligence. He states he has been engaged in Mining for several years, and has deposited as Agent large amounts of bullion - that the delays of Assays have been a complaint and he is convinced of the inaccuracy of the Assays resulting in an average loss of 1½ to 2 pr Ct. - that he has sent a large quantity to Phila. - that he has on hand now 15,000 dwts and such is the want of confidence in the Assayer here that "most of the Depositors have made it a condition of the sale, that the Gold should not be sent to Charlotte: - that Beattie, in consequence of this want of confidence in the Assays of this Branch, has recently been coining at the rate of 30,000 dwts pr week, fourfold the Deposits paid 2 pr Ct. rather than send the Bullion here.

Such, Sir, are plain statements of facts as regards "the want of confidence in the Assays". The report for last Month submitted to you, shows a palpable falling off of my deposites. Only 2,410 $\frac{825}{1000}$

Ounces of bullion deposited = Four Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Nine $\frac{96}{100}$ Dollars. Confidence destroyed is rarely regained. The welfare of this Institution, the public confidence, the successful cooperation of the Officers, all demand the removal of the Assayer, and I confidently believe and hope, that the information which you have in relation to this subject when reported to the Department and President, will effect this result.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
Your Ob. Servant.

(Signed) Jno R. Wheeler,
Sup.

P.S. — I enclose assay-slip No. 6, — weight $\frac{110}{1000}$ = $2.114. Reported fineness .960/5. I also enclose a more legible copy of the letter of Judge Cameron, as his autograph is difficult to be read by those unacquainted with it.

Form

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.
July 9/41.

Rec. 17th.

U.S. Branch Mint, Charlotte N.C.
July 15. 1841

Sir,

In order to ascertain in what degree a reference to the Hon. Duncan Cameron would elucidate the charges made against me by the Superintendant of this Mint - I addressed Judge Cameron immediately after forwarding you my last communication.

A conversation had ensued between Judge Cameron and Col. Wheeler at Raleigh in April last, upon the subject of the bullion sent to the Bank in Raleigh from the Agency in Burke County - the tenor of which was repeated here in his own way by the Superintendant before Mr Strange Assayer - as I have already related.

Judge Cameron writes to me -
"I merely replied to Col. Wheeler's enquiry as
"to the causes why we had ceased sending
"bullion to the Mint at Charlotte - That
"the miners, from whom the agent of the Bank
"purchased bullion, refused to have it assayed
"at the Branch Mint alledging that they lost
"by it."

The common term used by Judge Cameron to express the mode generally known to be practised at the Mint in estimating the value of bullion, I consider to be simply an objection to deposit - without at all intending to specify the immediate cause of loss - You are aware that a deposit may be caused to vary in value, and loss be encountered by a depositor without any inaccuracy in the process of assay - the details of which neither Superintendant nor depositors are usually acquainted with - For the standard value being ascertained by the multiplication of the true weight - by the true fineness - the result cannot be satisfactory unless

both these data are correct.
~~The~~ Capacity attention and fidelity in ~~of~~ the Treasurer, are equally essential as with ~~those of~~ the Assayer.
In no case of deposit from Burke has any assay been found inaccurate — But since the Superintendent has given publicity here to his charges against me — I have had placed under my notice some observations which go to prove — that when he spoke to Judge Cameron in April last, he knew, that the objections of depositors in Burke to the result of assays here originated from dissatisfaction with the loss of weight after melting — their deposits — for which as Treasurer, the Superintendent is immediately responsible — and which I have great interest should be correct.
I cannot say ~~whether~~ whether this objection among the miners in the neighbourhood of Morgantown is well or ill founded — as in the instance of an extensive miner, Mr. Mills of Rutherford — who I now understand originated the refusal to send bullion here — the objections were never presented to me by the Superintendent — who is alone accountable for such loss — and conducts his correspondence without consultation.
I do know, however, that a very strong remonstrance was made by Mr. Henderson of Lincoln, another large depositor, against a loss which was charged to have occurred in the weight entered upon the Treasurer's book before melting — with which I have nothing to do.
The correction of this was steadily resisted by the Superintendent. I am also assured that strong ~~remonstrances~~ objections have been made to sending deposits here — on this account.
I must also state that there would have been no hesitation upon the part of the Clerk of the mint in the absence of the Superintendent, to have acknowledge an unintentional mistake.
A gentleman extensively interested in mining near Morgantown has just stated to me that his objections

to send bullion here were directed solely against the Superintendent.

On the 28th June of this year Col. Shuler addressed an insidious letter to Judge Cameron, (who has sent me a copy), desiring from him a repetition in writing of the conversation "as regards the unsatisfactory character of the Assay" which he assumes to be "so numerous - and "well founded as to affect the interests of this "Mint -"

Judge Cameron assures me that he had "no intention to become a witness in the matter" as he had "no personal knowledge of the matters Complained of"

This is the only remaining witness, alluded to in the Superintendents Specifications, to whom direct authority I have not before referred.

The Superintendent endeavours to shift objections made against himself, from various quarters - upon me - using the very expressions of his antagonists! - He has taken advantage of my just correction of error to charge me with General inaccuracy - and has, I learn, in his several journeys magnified himself at my expense - and that of truth.

My position here is of slight importance to my family & myself compared with the ill effects I might experience from the artful & malicious defamations of the Superintendent of this Mint. I could personally obtain information and render your explanations which in the ordinary course of a written enquiry or demand I may not so readily attain. If in your opinion such exertions are necessary - I beg respectfully solicit permission, temporarily, to absent myself from my duties here.

Your obedient servant
J. H. Gibbon.

Assay Master & Refiner.

Dr. R. M. Patterson.
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

From
Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon,
Assayer in Charge.
Charlotte, N.C.
July 15/41.

Rec'd 21st.

Mint of the United States
July 19. 1841

Sir,

The Assay-slip forwarded by you on the 9th inst. & rec^d on the 17th, has been assayed, & results 900 fine.

The Director left town this morning expecting to return on the day after to-morrow. Mr Dunning is also absent.

Very respectfully
Your obed^t Servt
W E D
Ass^t Assay^r

Col J. D. Wheeler
Supt &c

To

J. H. Wheeler Esq
Supt Br. Mint
Charlotte

July 19. 1841 —

Mint of the United States.
July 17th, 1841.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you the enclosed letter and documents, received by me, this morning, from the Superintendent of the Charlotte Mint. ~~They go still further to prove that the assays made at that Mint have ~~proved~~ been unsatisfactory. They present ~~are~~ the ~~documentary~~ evidence of the assertion made by Col. Wheeler ~~proofs of what has been already asserted~~, that the assays of Dr. Gibbon are unsatisfactory to some of the gentlemen who were formerly among the large depositors at the Charlotte Mint. I have already remarked to you, however, that this circumstance, much as it is to be deplored, cannot be considered a proof of incompetency or even of error on the part of the Assayer. ~~The assertion made by~~ Col. Wheeler asserts that "Bechtler, in consequence of this want of confidence in the Assayer, has recently been coining at the rate of 20,000 dwts per week, for which the Depositor pays 2 ₱ cent, rather than send the bullion to the Branch Mint." I cannot but believe that there must be some strange ~~mis~~ exaggeration in the ~~information given~~ reports made to Col. Wheeler as to this private coinage. I have

a letter from Mr. Bechtler himself, in which he states that ~~his~~ previous to the establishment of the Charlotte Branch Mint, his ~~own~~ business was reduced to a mere trifle. Now as the coinage at the Mint has continued nearly the same from the beginning, we must suppose an increase in the production of the North Carolina Mines of nearly a million per annum, for such must be the coinage of Bechtler at the rate reported; while the general impression, and I think the true one, is that there has been a falling off in the production of the United States gold Mines, generally or, at least, certainly no increase. The coinage at Bechtler's may be more considerable than it was, and he may certainly make it more advantageous to the depositor than the Mint can, even if he charges 2 per cent.; for his coins are 3 per cent below ~~legal Standard~~ their stamped values.

~~I have~~

R. M. P.

To
Hon. Thomas Ewing,
Sec of Treasury.

To / Sec. of Treasury.

July 17/41.

July 25/41.

Mr. Ch. C. Henderson, of Lincolnton, N. C., called at the Mint with a deputation of gold C; and gave me the following information respecting the new Superintendent of the Charlotte Mint, —

Col. Burgess S. Gaither.
Of Burke Co., N. C.
A lawyer, in good practice.
About 35 years old. Married & has children.
Was a delegate at the Harrisburg Whig Convention.
Is a brother-in-law of Isaac T. Avery, —
President of Br. Bank of N. C., at
Morganton.
Is a gentleman, of good connexions and
high standing.

This appointment as Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, with consent of the Senate, is announced in the U. S. Gazette of July 24, — but is not yet in the Washington papers.

From/ U. S. Gazette
July 24/41.

Also

From/
Mr. Ch. C. Henderson
of Lincolnton, N. C.
July 26/41.

July 26/41.

Charlotte

Coiner's Office U. S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 31 July 1841

Sir

I have the honor of reporting the Amount of Coinage executed during this Month to be in half Eagles 1850 equal in value to $9.250.

Balance due Treas.r 30 June	37.096
Bullion rec.d in Ingots 7 July	831.900
	868.996
Amt. deliv.d Treas.r in Coin 24.th July	497.188
Bal.ce due Treas.r at this date	371.808

Yours respt.A fully
(signed) John R. Bolton Coiner

J. H. Wheeler Esq.r
Supt. &c.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 31 July 1841

Sir

I have the honor herewith to present an account of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the month ending this day.

The paper A. will show the amount and Kind of Gold Bullion deposited for Coinage.

The paper B being a copy of the Coiner's Report will show the amount and denomination of the Coin executed this Month.

By the last mail, I observe that B. G. Gaither is appointed Superintendent of this Branch, and I presume that I shall receive some official information touching this fact from the Treasury Department. Should this be the case I suppose that this will be the last official act that will occur between us. Permit me then to close it by an acknowledgement of a profound sense of respect for the uniform urbanity which has marked your intercourse with me and express a cordial wish for your success and happiness.

I have a small amount of funds in your hands which my Successor can receive, or I will retain and pay over here as may be most convenient or agreeable to him. The other funds of the Mint in my hands as well as every thing committed to my charge is ready to be transferred at an hour's notice. What has been the usage at the other Branches when a new Supt. is appointed? I presume that A will take my Successor some little time to prepare his Bond and Securities as well as his official Oath. Shall I deliver over the funds of the Mint and my papers without these preliminaries, or if no official notice from the Executive is given me, will the production of his Commission be sufficient?

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully Your ob. Servant
Geo. W. Mercer. Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint

From / Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte,
N.C.
July 31. 1841.
Rec'd Aug. 14. "

(Report for July.)

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Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
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CHARLOTTE
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U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 9th August 1841

Sir

In yours of the 16th June last which is the last letter which I have received from you, you informed me, "that my communications as regards the removal of the Assayer were sent to the Secretary of the Treasury, by whom you were instructed to procure all the information you can, relative to the subject, and to report it to the Department, to be submitted to the President &c."

I have been waiting with some anxiety to see the result of this Report, which if you have made, will you be pleased to forward me a copy at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
Your ob. servant

Jno. H. Wheeler
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Aug. 9 /41.

Recd. 20th

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Dr R M Patterson
Director of the
mint
Philadelphia
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CHARLOTTE
13
N.C.

Raleigh

13 August 1841

Dr R M Patterson

Dear Sir

I have recently received a commission from the President of the United States, appointing me Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte North Carolina. And have the pleasure of inclosing herewith my official bond accompanied by the certificate of Mr Haywood the District Attorney and likewise the oath of Office that I have taken before Judge Battle one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law in this State

I shall so immediately from this place to Charlotte and take Charge of the Branch Mint and hope to receive your approval of my bond so soon as your convenience will permit and any further communication you may please to make relative to the management of that Branch of the Mint

Yours Very

Respectfully

B. S Gaither

(See over leaf.)

Note. —

The Bond of Mr. Gaither is dated July 22d 1841. — The penal sum is $10,000. — The sigms are —

B. S. Gaither.
E. J. Erwin.
A. H. Erwin.
Jno. Sudderth.
David Corpenning
Ch. McDowell
Wm. C. Erwin.

The oath of office was in the presence of Hon. Wm. H. Battle, and is dated Aug. 13th, 1841.

The Certificate of the sufficiency of the Sureties is signed by Wm. H. Haywood Jr., Distrct Atty for North Carolina. — He states his information to be derived from Wm. W. Avery & Gen. J. F. Patterson.

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From Burgess S. Gaither, Esq
Superintendent of Br. Mint
at Charlotte, N.C.

Raleigh, N. C.
Aug. 13/41.

Rec'd 18th.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint at
Philadelphia

Mint U.S.

Aug. 14th, 1841.

Sir,

Your letter of the 31st ult., transmitting the monthly report of the operations at the Charlotte Mint for July, ~~has but~~ was not received by me until this morning.

The appointment of Mr. Gaither as your successor has, as you observe, been publicly announced, but I have not myself received any ~~offi~~ communication on the subject. ~~If~~, As ~~seems~~ it is probable, however, that our official intercourse is now to cease, I will take this ~~opportun~~ occasion of saying ~~I by~~ that I very cordially ~~to~~ reciprocate ~~to~~ the kind feelings expressed in your letter, — that I shall ever entertain for you a high personal regard, — and that you have my best wishes for your happiness and prosperity.

For your authority to deliver to your successor all the public property in your hands, you will receive a letter of instructions from the Comptroller of the Treasury. Such, at least, is the regular course pursued in like cases.

R. M. P.

D.

To/ Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte N.C.

To/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Sup. U.S. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Aug 14/41.

August 1841

Mint U. S.
Phila. Aug. 18/41.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst., submitting your official bond as Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, for the approval required of me by the act of March 3d 1835, establishing Branches of the Mint. ~~This I have to~~ This approval I have certified upon the bond, which I have sent to the Department at Washington, when it is to remain ~~be deposited~~

Col. Wheeler and the Officers of the Charlotte Mint will, I am sure, give you the ~~any~~ aid and information you will require on assuming your new office. When you ~~have~~ shall have had time to make yourself fully acquainted with the institution now placed under your immediate charge, I must invite you to a full and frank communication of your views, ~~with regard to~~ should you see in it any circumstance which, in your judgment, demands my attention or interference.

Very respectfully,
your faithful Servant.

To/ B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

To
B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.
Aug. 18/41.

Mint U.S.

Aug. 18th, 1841.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith the ~~and oath of Office~~ Official Bond of Burgess S. Gaither, Esq., the newly appointed Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte. To the bond I have annexed the Certificate, required by law, that it is "to my satisfaction".

R. M. P.

Hon. Thomas Ewing,
Sec. of Treasury.

To Sec. of Treasury.

Aug. 15/41.

Br. Mint of United States
Charlotte N C
18th of Aug. 1841

Sir

Pay to the order of B. S. Faithe Esq
the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy one 57/100 dollars
being the balance to my credit in your hands as
per your return for Quarter ending 30th June last,
and your letter of 3d inst.

Very respectfully
Your ob. Servant

J. C. H. Wheeler
late Treasurer of Br. Mint

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia Pa

First

Jno. H. Wheeler, Esq.
Late Treasurer of
Branch Mint at
Charlotte, N.C.

Aug. 18/41.

Rec'd 30th.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Aug. 20th, 1841.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 9th,- post-marked 13th,- inst., has just been received.

My report on the subject of your specifications against the Assayer of the Charlotte Mint was, in compliance with my instructions, made "to the Department, to be submitted to the President". I have no authority to send you a copy of it. I may mention, however, that I did not recommend the course to be pursued, and that I have not been informed as to the course which has been or would be pursued.

Mr. Gaither's bond has been approved, and I learn by a letter from him, dated at Raleigh on the 13th inst., that he was on the point of setting out for Charlotte. I must presume, therefore, that he is now in possession of his new office. It is for this reason that I now address you personally.

Very respectfully and truly,
Your friend &c.

To
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Charlotte, N.C.

To
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Charlotte, N. C.

Aug. 20/41.

Mint U.S.
July 24/41.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th

~~All~~ the final documents with regard to the unhappy controversy between the Superintendent and yourself were sent to the Department on the 12th inst., with a report from myself presenting the matter, ~~in~~ as I believe, truly and impartially. I do not think that any researches which you could make by the personal inquiries which you propose, would throw ~~further light~~ any new light of importance upon the case, and I cannot therefore recommend that you should undertake so ungrateful a task.

R. M. P.

Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon,
Assayer of Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/
Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon
Assayer Br. Mint
Charlotte, N.C.

July 24/41.

Branch Mint United States
Charlotte 24th August 1841

Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter 18th instant informing me that you had received my official bond and had forwarded the same to the Department at Washington.

I have now the honor to informing you that I have entered upon my duties as Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte and have given Col Wheeler the late Superintendent duplicate receipts for the public property that has come into my possession as such — In interchangeable of the contingent fund from Col Wheeler to myself I have received the inclosed draft upon you which you will please enter to my credit upon your books.

Very respectfully
Yours &c
B. S. Garthe
Superintendent

To
Dr R M Patterson
Director of the Mint at Philadelphia

From

B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.
Aug. 24/41.

Rec'd 30th.

Mint U.S.

Aug 30th, 1841.

Sir,

I have this day received your letter of the 24th inst., in which you inform me that, ~~you~~ having complied with all the necessary formalities, you have now entered fully upon the discharge of your ~~office~~ duties as Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte. I hope that the ~~official~~ intercourse between us, which now commences, may ever remain satisfactory both personally and officially.

The late Treasurer's draft in your favor for $271.54, is rec'd, and the amount shall be placed to your credit as you desire.

R. M. P.

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To/
B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/
B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Aug. 30/41.

Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the U. S. Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month ending 31 July 1841.

Date of Depo:	Date of Assay	Description of Bullion	Weight before Melting	Weight after Melting	Stan.d Weight Ozs. decs.	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions
July 1.	July 3	Bar & Amalgam	5. 35	5. 14	5. 253.	97. 73	97. 73
5	6	D.o	18. 57	18. 53	18. 530	344. 74	344. 74
"	"	Bar	9. 30	9. 30	9. 485	176. 46	176. 46
"	"	Grains	6. 65	6. 28	6. 593	122. 66	122. 66
6.	"	Bechtler's Coin	11. 65	11. 65	11. 040	205. 40	205. 40
"	7	Bars	15. 18	15. 18	12. 148	226. 00	226. 00
7	"	Bar	11. 05	11. 05	11. 491	213. 79	213. 79
9.	12	Amalgam	59. 86	56. 80	55. 158	1.026. 20	1.026. 20
12.	14	Amalgam & Bars	25. 67	24. 48	24. 993	464. 98	464. 98
13	"	Bars.	44. 33	44. 33	46. 266	860. 76	860. 76
"	"	D.o	69. 08	69. 05	63. 670	1.184. 55	1.184. 55
20.	21	D.o	69. 81	69. 75	57. 193	1.064. 05	1.053. 72
22.	24	D.o	9. 81	9. 81	10. 146	188. 76	188. 76
26.	28	Grains & Amalgam	8. 89	8. 47	8. 940	166. 32	166. 32
"	"	Amalgam	14. 87	14. 50	13. 614	253. 30	253. 30
27	"	Bars	68. 93	68. 93	62. 662	1.165. 79	1.165. 79
"	"	D.o	34. 27	34. 27	28. 304	526. 58	526. 58
"	"	D.o	3. 88	3. 88	3. 413	63. 50	63. 50
"	"	Pieces	6 30	6. 30	4. 297	79. 94	79. 94
28.	31	Amalgam & Bar	15. 01	13. 96	13. 353	248. 43	248. 43
"	"	Bars.	8. 26	8. 25	7. 460	138. 79	138. 79
			516. 72	509. 91	474. 009	8. 818. 73	8. 808. 40

Coiner's Office U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 31 August 1841

Sir

I have the honor of reporting to you that I have not executed any Coinage during this Month, not having received any Ingots to operate on.

Balance due the Treas.r 31 July	Ozs. 371. 808
Amt. deliv.d in clippings 24 Aug.t	323. 950
Balance due Treas.r at this time	Ozs 47. 858

Yours respectfully
(signed) John R. Bottow
Coiner

B. S. Gaither Esq.r
Supt. &c.

A.

Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 31 August 1841

Date of Depos:	Date of Assay.	Description of Bullion	Weight before Melting	Weight after Melting	Stan.d Weight Ozs. decs.	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions
Aug.t 2.	Aug.t 2.	Bars Pieces & Amalgam	10. 30	9. 96	9. 560	177. 86	177. 86
"	"	Bar	5. 85	5. 85	6. 272	116. 69	116. 69
"	"	D.o	6. 49	6. 49	6. 633	123. 40	123. 40
"	"	D.o	15. 99	15. 99	15. 722	292. 50	292. 50
"	"	Amalgam & Bars	42. 84	41. 75	41. 787	777. 43	777. 43
"	"	Bar	2. 32	2. 32	2. 468	45. 91	45. 91
11.	9.	Amalgam	11. 08	10. 40	9. 844	183. 14	183. 14
"	"	Bars	18. 53	18. 50	11. 963	222. 57	219. 95
9.	11.	Amalgam	14. 99	14. 32	12. 918	240. 33	240. 33
10.	"	Bar	14. 01	14. 01	14. 990	278. 88	278. 88
11.	"	D.o	13. 84	13. 82	8. 721	162. 25	162. 25
"	"	D.o	5. 00	5. 00	4. 400	81. 86	81. 86
		Col.o Wheeler's a/cs closed here and transmitted to Treasy. Departt.t	161. 24	158. 41	145. 278	2.702. 82	2.700. 20
Aug.t 18	Aug.t 18	Amalgam & pieces	22. 61	22. 00	20. 777	386. 55	386. 55
"	"	Bars	54. 75	54. 75	42. 229	785. 65	779. 60
"	"	Amalgam	3. 07	2. 56	2. 373	44. 15	44. 15
"	"	Bar	4. 40	4. 40	4. 292	79. 85	79. 85
"	21	D.o	6. 04	6. 04	6. 186	115. 09	115. 09
"	"	D.o	17. 45	17. 45	13. 092	243. 57	243. 57
20	"	Amalgam	33. 52	31. 40	33. 004	614. 03	614. 03
21	"	Bar	3. 96	3. 96	4. 091	76. 11	76. 11
23.	24	D.o	10. 38	10. 38	8. 048	149. 73	149. 73
"	"	D.o	4. 33	4. 33	4. 570	85. 02	85. 02
"	"	D.o	432. 27	432. 14	433. 137	8.058. 35	8.058. 35
"	"	D.o & Amalgam	10. 50	10. 01	9. 235	171. 81	171. 81
24.	25	Bar	18. 02	18. 02	18. 740	348. 65	348. 65
"	"	Amalgam	16. 85	14. 27	14. 506	269. 88	269. 88
"	"	D.o	5. 97	4. 98	4. 176	77. 69	77. 69

Augt. 18	Augt. 18	Amalgam & pieces	22.	61	22.	00	20. 777	386	55	386.	55
"	"	Bars	54.	75	54.	75	42. 229	785.	65	779.	60
"	"	Amalgam	3.	07	2.	56	2. 373	44.	15	44.	15
"	"	Bar	4.	40	4.	40	4. 292	79.	85	79.	85
"	21	Do.	6.	04	6.	04	6. 186	115.	09	115.	09
"	"	Do.	17.	45	17.	45	13. 092	243.	57	243.	57
20	"	Amalgam	33.	52	31.	40	33. 004	614.	03	614.	03
21	"	Bar	3.	96	3.	96	4. 091	76.	11	76.	11
23.	24	Do	10.	38	10.	38	8. 048	149.	73	149.	73
"	"	Do	4.	33	4.	33	4. 570	85.	02	85.	02
"	"	Do.	432.	27	432.	14	433. 137	8. 058.	35	8. 058.	35
"	"	Do. & Amalgam	10.	50	10.	01	9. 235	171.	81	171.	81
24.	25	Bar	18.	02	18.	02	18. 740	348.	65	348.	65
"	"	Amalgam	16.	85	14.	27	14. 506	269.	88	269.	88
"	"	Do.	5.	97	4.	98	4. 176	77.	69	77.	69
25	"	Do.	5.	63	5.	48	5. 685	105.	76	105.	76
"	"	Bar	9.	64	9.	64	8. 890	165.	40	165.	40
"	30	Pieces	8.	49	8.	49	5. 394	100.	35	100.	35
26	"	Amalgam	6.	36	5.	91	6. 177	114.	92	114.	92
27.	"	Bars	16.	87	16.	87	10. 701	199.	09	196.	72
28	"	Amalgam	11.	30	10.	70	10. 973	204.	15	204.	15
"	"	Bars	52.	81	52.	81	44. 912	835.	53	835.	53
		Amount from 18th to 31st	755.	22	746.	59	711. 188	13. 231.	33	13. 222.	91
		Amount from 1st to 18th	161.	24	158.	41	145. 278	2. 702.	82.	2. 700.	20
		Total Amt. recd. in August	916.	46.	905.	00	856. 466	15. 934.	15	15. 923.	11

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 3 Sept. 1841.

Sir

I have the honor of reporting to you the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of August last.

The paper marked A will show the Amount and Kind of Bullion rec.d for Coinage

The paper marked B being a copy of the Report of the Melter & Refiner will show the operations in his Departments.

The paper marked C being a copy of the Coiners Report will show that no Coinage has been executed by him during the Month.

I enclose an assay slip from Melt No 7 of Ingots weight $\frac{120}{1000}$ fineness .900 value $2.23.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

B. S. Gaither

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Br. Mt. Charlotte.
Sent Sep. 3/41.
Rec'd 9th.
From Melt No. 7
Wt. .120 oz
Fineness 900 ~~Mt~~ Fine 899.6
Value $ 2.23

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 3 Septem.r 1841

B. S. Gaither Esq.r
Superintendent

Sir

In conformity with the instructions of the Director of the Mint, I report to you that during the Month of August I received from the Treasurer 983 413/1000 Ounces Standard of Gold Bullion, which have this day been cast into Ingots for Coinage. All deposites rec.d during the Month of August have been assayed

I shall append to this Monthly Report a requisition for the apartments under my charge, which will give time for their purchase and transmission to Charleston in the proper season to reach us by the beginning of next year

As no entry has hitherto been made in the Books of this Mint to the credit of the Melter & Refiner for the sale of his "Sweeps" according to the instructions of the Director to whom the Sweeps were transmitted for sale, I think it necessary to ask your attention to this matter. The Amount of "Wastage of Gold" hitherto claimed at the end of each year as necessary in settling the accounts of the Melter & Refiner of this Branch Mint appears upon the Books as follows

31 December 1838.	1623 dwts 16.745	equal to	$ 311.52
" " 1839.	954	" "	17.55
" " 1840	23.286	" "	432.72
making an aggregate of		Dollars	768.79

From the returns made by the Director of the Mint of Sixteen barrels of "Sweeps" collected in the apartments of the Melter & Refiner during the above three years – (according to letters addressed to the Superintendent of this Mint of 28.th May 1840 and 19.th May 1841) the total amount of Gold contained in the

Sweeps was estimated by assay and sold as follows

Value of the Gold in 1838 & 1839 at	$11.20 p. Cent	$482.16.
" " " 1840.	13.10 "	225.95
Total value of the Gold in Dollars		708.11

The whole "Wastage of Gold" therefore by the Melter & Refiner of this Mint, since the commencement of his operations until the 31 Decem.r 1840 is shown to be $53.68 equal to $17.89 p. annum

The value of the Silver contained in the above mentioned "Sweeps" by the same authority amounted, during the 3 years to $534.61

The charges for Refining all the "Sweeps" amounted to 468.86

Leaving a nett credit to the "Contingent Fund" of $65.75

The instructions of the Director are such, that no difficulty need occur in adjusting my Wastage account in future. If it is acceptable to him however, I would wish the Books of this Mint to exhibit the exact amount of Gold contained in my Sweeps after their assay and sale – and to have the charges of smelting deducted from the Silver contained in them, or if this be not sufficient from the "Contingent Fund" of the Mint.

I also solicit a Receipt from the Treasurer of this Mint in relation to the foregoing statement of "Wastage of Gold" during the years 1838.-9 & '40 for my own sake and that of this Institution

I am very respectfully

(signed) D. H. Gibbons

Assayer, Melter & Refiner

Requisition made 3d. Sept. 1841-

2 Casks sand crucibles — largest sizes to be Nos 5 & 6.
1 Bbl black lead pot covers — next size smaller than No 12s. previously sent
2 Kegs Salt petre
1 Box Zinc for Refinery
24 Carboys nitric acid for Refinery
1 sheet thick copper to bottom drying pans in the Refinery
Zinc chain previously ordered
1 Hydrometer by private opportunity
6 lbs corrosive sublimate in lumps
a sheet of thin copper for annealing pans in assay room
2 Cast Iron frames for sand baths in Refinery with Iron slates to fit
1 Box brown soap
6 hand scrubbing brushes for Melter
1 Cask black lead pots No 30s

From

B. S. Gaither.
Sup. Br. Mt.
Charlotte, N.C.
Sep. 3 / 41.

Rec'd. 9th.

Ang. Report

September 1841

Mint of the United States
Sept. 10th, 1841.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d inst., transmitting the report of the operations at the Charlotte Mint for August. I am pleased to observe the improvement in the amount of your deposites.

The slip from your Melt no. 7, has been tested by our Assayer, and the fineness found to be 899.6 ~~[illegible]~~ — a result entirely satisfactory.

You do not ask my attention to the ~~[illegible]~~ propositions made to you by Dr. Gibbon as to his wastage account; but I presume that you wish for my advice, as a copy of the letter is sent to me. I have to state to you then the course pursued at this Mint, and which I think the correct one. — The charge for transportation, including the casks &c., is made against the Contingent fund. The net product of the sweep, — or the money actually received from the ~~Refiner~~ Smelter, — is to be credited to the Melter & Refiner; but not the whole value of the sweep. — It appears to me inconsistent with the spirit of the law to ~~charge~~ make any charge against the silver in the sweep. The ~~Assayer~~ Melter & Refiner is bound to keep his

gold wastage within a certain limit, and he must not be permitted to make an apparent reduction in this wastage, by using the silver derived from his processes, for paying the charge of smelting.

Dr. Gibbon's requisition for articles to be used in his department having been forwarded by you without remark, I must presume that it has your approbation, and it will therefore be attended to.

R. M. P.

D

Dr/
B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

To/ B. S. Gaither, Esq
Sup. Br. Mint.
Charlotte, N.C.
Sep. 10/41.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 11th Septr. 1841

Sir

I have the honor of inclosing an assay slip from Melt No. 8 of Ingots, weight $\frac{090}{1000}$ths reported fineness .898 5/ value $1.67.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
W. F. Strange

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From /

W. F. Strange, Esq.
Clerk of Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Sept. 18th, 1841.

Recd " 18. " "

Mint Office

Sept. 16/41.

Sir,

I am called upon, by the Treasury Department, for the estimates for the Mint and Branches, for 1842. I will thank you, therefore, to have your's prepared and sent to me, as early as possible.

R. M. P.

To

B. S. Gaither Esq.

Sup. Br. Mint,

Charlotte, N. C.

To
B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

Sep. 16/41.

Mint of the United States,
Sept. 18, 1841.

Sir,

The slip from your Melt No. 8, received this morning from Mr. Strange, has been assayed by Mr. Eckfeldt, who reports its fineness to be 898.5, this confirming the assay of R. Gibbons, ~~which is very satis-~~

R. M. P.
Director.

To
B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/

B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Sept. 18, 1841.

Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the Branch Mint of the United States at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 30th Septem.r 1841.

Date of Depsi:	Date of Assay	Description of Bullion	Weight before Melting	Weight after Melting	Stan.d Weight Ozs. dcs	Value before Deduction	Value after Deductions
Sept. 1.	Sept. 1	Bar	10. 82	10. 82	10. 963	203. 96	
3	4	Amalgam	25. 22	24. 21	24. 693	459. 40	
"	"	D.o	5. 40	5. 21	5. 342	99. 38	
"	"	Sovereigns & French Coins	23. 68	23. 68	23. 942	445. 43	
6.	8	Amalgam & Bechtlers Coins	12. 61	12. 28	12. 198	226. 94	
"	"	Bars	12. 09	12. 09	12. 558	233. 64	
"	"	D.o	3. 28	3. 28	3. 443	64. 06	
7.	"	Amalgam	7. 55	7. 31	7. 406	137. 78	
"	"	Bars	36. 70	36. 70	29. 848	555. 31	549. 86
8	"	D.o	6. 73	6. 73	6. 848	127. 40	
"	"	D.o	6. 73	6. 73	6. 788	126. 29	
"	"	D.o	38. 94	38. 92	41. 643	774. 75	
"	"	D.o	13. 02	13. 02	13. 308	247. 59	
"	9	Pieces	6. 32	6. 31	6. 547	121. 80	
9	"	Bars	31. 31	31. 31	33. 535	623. 91	
"	"	D.o	11. 35	11. 35	7. 476	139. 09	
10	18	D.o	5. 41	5. 41	4. 916	91. 46	
"	"	Amalgam	6. 95	6. 33	6. 385	118. 79	
"	"	D.o	5. 31	4. 87	4. 880	90. 79	
13.	"	D.o	5. 25	5. 07	5. 170	96 19	
15	"	Bar	7. 56	7. 56	7. 643	142. 20	
"	"	Pieces	6. 78	6. 74	7. 008	130. 38	
18	"	Bars	188. 55	188. 53	201. 935	3. 756. 93	
"	22.	D.o	11. 15	11. 15	10. 654	198. 21	
20	"	Grains	5. 24	5. 11	5. 466	101. 69	
"	"	Bars	6. 85	6. 84	5. 903	109. 82	
21	"	Amalgam, Grains & Bar	87. 01	83. 43	79. 384	1. 476. 89	
22	"	Bar	9. 09	9. 09	6. 008	111. 77	

10	18	Do.	5. 41	5. 41	4. 916	91. 46
"	"	Amalgam	6. 95	6. 33	6. 385	118. 79
"	"	Do.	5. 31	4. 87	4. 880	90. 79
13.	"	Do.	5. 25	5. 07	5. 170	96. 19
15	"	Bar	7. 56	7. 56	7. 643	142. 20
"	"	Pieces	6. 78	6. 74	7. 008	130. 38
18	"	Bars	188. 55	188. 53	201. 935	3. 756. 93
"	22.	Do.	11. 15	11. 15	10. 654	198. 21
20	"	Grains	5. 24	5. 11	5. 466	101. 69
"	"	Bars	6. 85	6. 84	5. 903	109. 82
21	"	Amalgam, Grains & Bar	87. 01	83. 43	79. 384	1. 476. 89
22	"	Bar	9. 09	9. 09	6. 008	111. 77
24.	29	Do.	10. 72	10. 72	10. 481	194. 99
25	"	Do.	10. 16	10. 15	10. 882	202. 45
27	"	Do.	4. 98	4. 98	5. 227	97. 24
"	"	Do.	19. 63	19. 63	21. 002	390. 73
28	"	Pieces	5. 05	5. 04	4. 496	83. 64
"	"	Do.	9. 78	9. 76	8. 836	164. 39
29.	"	Bar	5. 80	5. 80	5. 851	108. 85
"	"	Bar, French & Bechtlers Coin	5. 34	5. 33	5. 430	101. 02
			668. 36	660. 49	664. 095.	12. 355. 16.
		Acct. foreign Coins	23 68	23 68	23 942	445 43
		U.S. Buttons	644 68	636 81	640 153	11, 909 73

B

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 30 Sept.r 1841

B. S. Gaither Esq.r
Superintendent
Sir

During the present month I have received 659 $\frac{302}{1000}$ Ounces Stan.d Gold Bullion from the Treasurer and have transferred to him 1947 $\frac{04}{100}$ Ounces of Stan.d Ingots for Coinage.

All deposites received during the Month have been assayed.

The Director in his letter to you of the 10 Inst has misapprehended my motive in proposing a slight alteration in the mode of settling my a/c for sweeps. As this is a Mint for the Coinage of Gold only I did not think it consistent that as Melter & Refiner I should be credited with the Silver in the Sweeps - but that I should have full credit for the whole Amount of Gold contained in them, which I am directed to place in your hands in settling my gold account at the end of the year.

I considered therefore that I could not justly be said to waste the sum paid for smelting the sweeps after you send them to Phil.a the amount of Silver is sometimes so large in these sweeps that after the charge for smelting is made from the amount ascertained by assay, it would really appear, (without discriminating the value of each metal) that I had returned into your hands more Gold Bullion than I had received from you during the year, and the natural & practical inference would arise that the Mint had profited at the expense of the Depositors of Gold Bullion.

I neither wished to increase or diminish, contrary to the spirit of the law, the amount of my wastage of Gold, but you Sir, are aware of the prejudice which exists among the Mountain Miners in consequence

of very incorrect ideas with regard to the wastage of Gold, which forms so conspicuous an item in the caption of our Contingent account, which wastage some conceive to be at the expense of Depositors of Bullion. I thought it proper therefore to call your attention to it without delay, having also been obliged to submit to great neglect in hitherto adjusting any account to my credit as Melter & Refiner upon the Books of this Institution with respect to the sweeps although instructions to that effect have long since been given by the Director.

I am very respectfully

(signed) J. W. Gibbon

Assayer Melter & Refiner

C.

Coiner's Office U. S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 30 Sept.r 1841

Sir

I have the honor of reporting to you the amount and kind of coinage executed during this Month to be as follows -

In half Eagles	2.610	pieces	equal in value to $13.050. and in
quarter Eagles	3.220	"	" " 8.050
making in all	5.830	"	" " $21.100.

Balance due Treas.r	31 August		47.858
Ingots rec.d	2 Sept.r		1.150.760
" "	9 "		796.070
			Ozs. 1.994.688
Amt. deliv.d Treas.r in clippings	8 Sept.r	440.100	
" " " " Coin	20 "	701.437	
" " " " "	25 "	432.688	1.574.225
	Balance due Treasurer		Ozs. 420.463

Yours respectfully
(Signed) John R. Bolton
Coiner

B. S. Gaither Esq.r
Supt. &c.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 1 Oct.r 1841

Sir

I have the honor of reporting the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of Septem.r last.

The paper A, will show the amount and Kinds of bullion received for Coinage during the Month.

The paper B. being a copy of the Report of the Melter & Refiner will show the proceedings in his departments, as also his reasons for "proposing a slight alteration in the mode of settling his a/c for assays".

By the paper C, being a copy of the Coiner's Report you will perceive that we have executed quite a large coinage during the Month, consisting of "2. 610 ½ Eagles = $13.050 & 3. 220 ¼ Eagles equal to $8.050, in all 5. 830 pieces equal in value to $21.100."

Your several letters of the 10.th 16.th & 18.th Inst.o have been received, and will be attended to as soon as Mr. Gaither returns from his residence in Burke Co. It has been so sickly with us during the Fall that it was deemed dangerous to remove his Family to this place tile the season was more advanced. I have advised him of your request to forward the Estimates for this Branch of the Mint for 1842, and daily look for his arrival.

I have the honor to be
very respect.fully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
M. F. Strange

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
B. S. Smithey, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
Oct. 1. 1841.
Rec'd " 8. "

(Sept. Report.)

Mint of the United States,
Oct. 5, 1841.

Sir,

Above you have a statement of my account with your Mint for the quarter ending on the 30th ult., showing a balance in my hands to your Credit of $231.76. The voucher is enclosed.

R. M. P.
Director

To/
Bingss S. Gaither, Esq,
Acting Treas. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/

B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Acting Treas. Br. Mint,
Charlotte. N.C

Oct. 5. 1841.

October 1841

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca 8th " Oct. 1841

Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th & 23d Sept. and should have forwarded the estimates required at an earlier date, but have been absent upon a visit to my Family.

I have the honor to suggest the following items of appropriation as sufficient for the necessary expenditures of this Branch for the year 1842.

For Compensation to the Officers & Clerk of the Branch Mint at Charlotte No. Ca	$6.000.—
" Pay of Labourers in various Departments	3.500.—
" Wastage of Gold & Contingent Expenses —	1.500.—
	$11.000.—

You will observe that I have made the estimate of the wastage of Gold and Contingent Expenses One Thousand Dollars less, than the amount appropriated for that item for this year. I have done so for the reason, that I do not believe it will be necessary to expend the whole of that appropriation, and I feel confident that by a rigid economy I can reduce the Contingent expenditures of this Branch, and that $1.500. will be amply sufficient for all wastage of Gold and necessary Contingent Expenses for next year.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
B. S. Gaither
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From /

B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Oct. 8. 1841.
Recd " 14. "

(Estimates for 1842.)

Messrs R Patterson ~~Co~~ Philadelphia Oct 28 1841

To A B Cooley Dr

To freight from Charleston per Schr G Hatfield on
1 Package unwrought Gold $1187.76 @ 1/8th pc $1.50

Received Payment A B Cooley
P Thomas Miller

SHIPPED in good order and well-conditioned, by JNO. FRASER & CO. on board the good Schooner called the Gilbert Hatfield whereof is Master for the present voyage, now lying in the port of **Charleston**, and bound for Philadelphia To say:

Sold by Burges & Walker, 85 East-Bay.

R M Patterson Esqr
Director of the
Mint Philadelphia

One Package of Unwrought
Gold weighing 630z 5 dwts

being marked and numbered as in the margin and are to be delivered in the like good order and well-conditioned, at the aforesaid port of Philadelphia (the danger of the seas only excepted) unto R. M. Patterson Esqr or to his afsigns, he or they paying freight for the said Gold

One eighth per Cent

with out primage and average accustomed. In Witness Whereof, the master or agent of the said vefsel hath affirmed to Three Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated in **Charleston**, the 12th day of October 1841

F Smith

$ 118.76
1.08
50.08

8/11.87
1.48

Charleston 11th October 1841

R. M. Patterson Esqr.
Philadelphia

Sir

Enclosed we hand you bill lading pr Schr. "Gilbert Hatfield" for a small parcel, Containing 63 oz. & 5 dwts Gold, which the owner says will nott, vary near par.

You will please do the needful with it, forthwith and forward Certificate, at your earliest convenience to, and in favor of Messrs. Pickrisgill & Co. New York. with ~~advice~~ tours.

Very Respectfy
Yours.
Mo. Fraser & Co.
p Atty C. L. Trimholm

U. S. Mint

J F & Co
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CHARLESTON
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S.C.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Mail

From/ Jno. Frager, & Co.,
Charleston, S.C.
Oct. 11, 1841.
Rec'd " 18. "

Smt. Carolina

Mint of the United States,
Oct. 12, 1841.

Gentlemen,

Herewith you have Bills of Lading of articles for the Branch Mints, viz: For the Branch at Charlotte, 10 Carboys Acid & 2 Kegs Salt-petre: For the Branch at Dahlonega, 5 Carboys Acid and 1 Keg Salt-petre, which please forward as heretofore.

Very respectfully,
your &c.,
R. M. P., Director,
per Gs. F. Dunning,
Dirctr's Clerk.

To/
Mess. Laplte & Brother,
Charleston, S.C.

To

Messrs. Lafitte & Brother,
Charleston, S.C.

Oct. 12. 1841.

Charlotte

U.S. Branch Mint Charlotte N.C.
12 October 1841

Sir,

By the death of Mr Bolton's son, Jeremiah, there is an opportunity, in the selection of another workman, very much to advance the interests of this Mint, in facilitating the operations of the Assayer, Melter & Refiner — and, thus, reducing some objections to delays in assaying — which must now, necessarily, occur from the prolonged operations of the refinery. It requires weeks for me to prepare what the Coiner disposes of in as many days. If I had the control of three workmen properly instructed in the operations of the three distinct apportments under my charge — no one process need be retarded by any other — and I could, upon any emergency, always supply sufficient assistance to the coiner.

It is scarcely necessary for me to repeat that his workmen are incapable, as well as generally unwilling, to aid in our operations — while we are often obliged to ask assistance from him. It is also proper to add that the Coiner has frequently com-

pleted his work during the absence of one of his hands.

I can procure an assistant of excellent Character here, at our common wages - He knows how to melt - could soon be taught the process of the refining - is a first rate mechanic & understands the engine - He would be efficient on both sides of the Mint -

If you consider such an arrangement suitable - it would enable me at all times to employ Mr Torres in assaying - which will certainly increase the amount of our deposits here.

We are again beginning to receive the gold Bullion from the Mines in Bunks - and I am told that a large amount transmitted to the State Bank at Raleigh will be returned here.

Believe me very respectfully
Yr. Obt. Svt.

J. H. Gibbon.

Dr R. M. Patterson.
Director of the Mint.

From/ Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon,
Assayer Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Oct. 12. 1841.
Rec'd " 18. "

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 12 Oct.r 1841

Sir

Enclosed you have an assay slip from Melt No. 9. of Ingots, reported fineness .900 weight $\frac{140}{1000}$ths. value $2.60.—

In your letter of the 13th. Sept.r, you "withdraw so much of your instructions relative to the test assay of Ingots at your Mint. as requires that I should receive your report upon these assays before the Coins formed from the melt assayed can be delivered"— I therefore understand your instructions to be, that I must forward the assay slips from each Melt as heretofore, but that I need not wait to receive the verification of the same, before I issue the Coin if necessary. This will greatly facilitate the operations of this Branch, and enable me to pay Depositors at all times when they make a deposite.

Very respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
B. S. Gaither
Superintendent

(+ 23d?)

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Oct. 12. 1841.
Recd " 18. "

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 25th Octr. 1841

Sir

The late Superintendent of this Mint purchased here 10 carboys said to be nitric acid, 3 of which however prove to contain sulphuric acid. I am but lately informed that this purchase was designed to supercede a requisition which I made for supplies for the Refinery on the 31st of March last.

The quality of the acid purchased here is much inferior to any we have ever received from Philadelphia — and is so much reduced by precipitating its impurities that we cannot obtain fine Gold of higher quality than 953 mills.

The Refiner reports to me to day that only one carboy and a half of nitric acid are on hand — I ask you therefore to hasten the supplies of this important material

I am very respectfully
(signed) R. H Gibbon
Assayer Melter & Refiner

B. S. Gaither Esqr.
Superintendent &c.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 28 Oct.r 1841

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 6.th Inst enclosing me a copy of the Resolutions passed at the last Session of Congress relative to the number of persons employed in the several departments of the General Government, and requesting me to give you the necessary information relative to this Branch of the Mint.

I respectfully report that there are employed in the Mint at this place, Three Officers One Clerk, and Five Workmen as provided for by law. 1.st The Superintendent who acts as Treasurer, and takes charge of all the Bullion and Funds belonging to the Mint. 2.d The Assayer Melter & Refiner, whose duty it is to assay all metals brought to the Mint, and prepare them for Coinage. 3.d The Coiner, whose duty it is to Coin the metal so prepared by the Melter & Refiner. 4.th The Clerk whose duty it is to receive all deposites that are brought to the Mint for Coinage, calculate their values, assist the Melter & Refiner in making up his pots of ingots, pay Depositors the value of their deposites and Keep the Books of the Mint. 5.th The Five Workmen are distributed between the Assayer Melter & Refiner and the Coiner assisting them in the discharge of their duties. That the Officers, Clerk and Workmen are usually employed Ten hours out of the Twenty Four.

The Compensation to the Officers and Clerk is fixed by law, and the Five Workmen receive $2.25 p.r diem, subject to reduction for all lost time.

There have been no removals in this Mint since the 4.th March last, (other than those appointed by the President & Senate) excepting William Berryhill, whom the present Superintendent found employed in this Branch

as Porter & Servant at the price of $20. p. Month, and believing that there is no law authorizing his employment as such, and that the public interest did not require his services, dismissed him and abolished the Office.

From my knowledge of the several duties performed by the Officers, Clerks, and Workmen, I do not deem it practicable to reduce the number of persons employed at present in this Branch of the Mint

I herewith enclose you a communication from the Assayer Melter & Refiner to myself requesting me to expedite if possible my last requisition for acids, which I hope you will have attended to, and forwarded at the earliest practicable period.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
B. S. Gantt
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

B. S. Gauthey, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
Oct. 28. 1841.
Rec'd Nov. 4. "

No 37

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

December 1841

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Co. 2d. Novemr. 1841

Sir

I have the honor to report the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of October last.

The paper A, will show the Amount and Kind of Bullion received for Coinage during the Month, and exhibits a larger deposite of Bullion for Coinage than has been heretofore made in any one Month, at this Branch. The paper B. being a copy of the Report of the Metter & Refiner will show the operations in his department. The paper C. being a copy of the Coiners Report exhibits the proceedings in that Department.

Enclosed you have two assay slips from Metts Nos. 10 & 11 of Ingots, reported fineness each .899 weight $\frac{150}{1000}$ths value $2.79.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
B. S. Gaither
Superintend &c

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

B. S. Gaither,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

Nov. 2. 1841.
Rec'd " 8. "

Report for October.

Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte No. Ca during the Month ending 31 October 1841.

Date of Depo:	Description of Bullion	Weight before Melting	Weight after Melting	Stan'd Weight Ozs.	Stan'd Weight decs.	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions
Oct. 1.	Bar	13. 15	13. 15	13.	471	250.	62. 250. 62.
"	Bar	5. 42	5. 42	4.	877	90.	73 90. 73
2.	Amalgam	16. 98	15. 91	16.	639	309.	56 309. 56
5.	Amalgam	543. 01	519. 07	488.	017	9. 079.	33 9. 073. 27
"	Bars	48. 05	48. 05	39.	667	737.	99 730. 87
6	Bars	19. 66	19. 66	15.	504	288.	45 288. 45
"	Bars	6. 76	6. 76	5.	464	101.	65 101. 65
8	Amalgam	18. 80	17. 90	18.	217	338.	92 338. 92
"	Amalgam.	9. 03	7. 91	6.	434	119.	69 119. 69
12.	Bars.	20. 66	20. 58	21.	186	394.	16 394. 16
16.	Bars pieces & Amalgam	66. 06	65. 40	57.	843	1. 076.	14 1. 072. 45
18.	Amalgam & grains	68. 32	65. 53	58.	565	1. 089.	57 1. 082. 95
22.	Bar pieces & Amalgam	6. 26	6. 20	6.	467	120.	31 120. 31
"	Bar	15. 03	14. 95	16.	311	303.	46 303. 46
23.	Bar	24. 14	24. 14	19.	311	359.	27 355. 72
"	Bar & piece	9. 50	9. 50	6.	417	119.	38 119. 38
25	Bars	78. 59	78. 42	80.	159	1. 491.	30 1. 491. 30
"	Pieces & grains	8. 33	8. 18	8.	441	157.	04 157. 04
"	Amalgam	17. 56	16. 10	13.	898	258.	56 258. 56
"	Amalgam	16. 21	14. 70	13.	001	241.	87 241. 87
"	Bars.	8. 82	8. 80	5.	797	107.	85 107. 85
26	Amalgam	144. 26	137. 60	130.	653	2. 430.	72 2. 430. 72
"	Grains & Amalgam	84. 49	80. 64	76.	858	1. 429.	90 1. 429. 90
"	Grains & Amalgam	75. 52	73. 25	67.	048	1. 247.	40 1. 247. 40
"	Bar	15. 41	15. 40	12.	320	229.	21 229. 21
"	Bars & Amalgam	5. 78	5. 65	4.	406	81.	97 81. 97
"	Bars.	35. 23	35. 10	31.	786	591.	36 591. 36
"	Bars.	4. 97	4. 97	4.	841	90.	06 90. 06
"	Specimen in Iron Ore	8. 68	5. 35	5.	396	100.	40 100. 40.
27	Bar	6. 38	6. 38	5.	874	109.	28 109. 28

"	Bars	6. 76	6. 76	5. 464	101. 65	101. 65	
8	Amalgam	18. 80	17. 90	18. 217	338. 92	338. 92	
"	Amalgam.	9. 03	7. 91	6. 434	119. 69	119. 69	
12.	Bars.	20. 66	20. 58	21. 186	394. 16	394. 16	
16.	Bars pieces & Amalgam	66. 06	65. 40	57. 843	1. 076. 14	1. 072. 45	
18.	Amalgams & grains	68. 32	65. 53	58. 565	1. 089. 57	1. 082. 95	
22.	Bar pieces & Amalgam	6. 26	6. 20	6. 467	120. 31	120. 31	
"	Bar	15. 03	14. 95	16. 311	303. 46	303. 46	
23.	Bar	24. 14	24. 14	19. 311	359. 27	355. 72	
"	Bar & piece	9. 50	9. 50	6. 417	119. 38	119. 38	
25	Bars	78. 59	78. 42	80. 159	1. 491. 30	1. 491. 30	
"	Pieces & grains	8. 33	8. 18	8. 441	157. 04	157. 04	
"	Amalgam	17. 56	16. 10	13. 898	258. 56	258. 56	
"	Amalgam	16. 21	14. 70	13. 001	241. 87	241. 87	
"	Bars.	8. 82	8. 80	5. 797	107. 85	107. 85	
26	Amalgam	144. 26	137. 60	130. 653	2. 430. 72	2. 430. 72	
"	Grains & Amalgam	84. 49	80. 64	76. 858	1. 429. 90	1. 429. 90	
"	Grains & Amalgam	75. 52	73. 25	67. 048	1. 247. 40	1. 247. 40	
"	Bar	15. 41	15. 40	12. 320	229. 21	229. 21	
"	Bars & Amalgam	5. 78	5. 65	4. 406	81. 97	81. 97	
"	Bars.	35. 23	35. 10	31. 786	591. 36	591. 36	
"	Bars.	4. 97	4. 97	4. 841	90. 06	90. 06	
"	Specimen in Iron Ore	8. 68	5. 35	5. 396	100. 40	100. 40	
27.	Bar	6. 38	6. 38	5. 874	109. 28	109. 28	
"	Bars.	6. 57	6. 57	6. 152	114. 45	114. 45	
"	Amalgam	15. 84	15. 00	15. 566	289. 59	289. 59	
"	Bar	5. 29	5. 29	5. 553	103. 31	103. 31	
28	Bar	8. 29	8. 29	5. 572	103. 66	103. 66	
"	Bar	22. 23	22. 23	18. 573	345. 54	345. 54	
		1359. 28	1308. 05	1306. 284	24302. 70	24275. 66	

B.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 2d Novr 1841

Sir

During the Month of October I received 2.457 $\frac{702}{1000}$ Ounces Stand of Gold Bullion from the Treasr — and delivered to him 2652 $\frac{05}{100}$ Ounces of Stand Ingots for Coinage.

All deposites received during that month have been assayed.

I am respectfully
(signed) D. H. Gibbon
Assayer, Melter & Refiner

C.

Coiner's Office U. S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 30th Octr. 1841

Sir

I have the honor of reporting to you, that I have not executed any Coinage during this Month.

Having received a large melt of Ingots during the Month, I proceded to Rolling them, on breaking them down, I found they were too brittle to be converted into Coin, I was therefore under the necessity of returning them to the Treasurer.

Balance due Treas.r	30 Sept.r	420. 463
Rec.d Bullion in Ingots	14 Oct.r	1. 061. 980
" " "	29 "	1589. 780
		3. 072. 223
Am.t deliv.d Treas.r in clippings	11 Oct.r 359. 510	
" " " "	14 " 1061. 830	1. 421. 340

Balance due Treasurer at this time of Ozs. 1. 650. 883 which will be converted into Coin with as little delay as possible.

Yours respectfully
(signed) John R. Bolton
Coiner

R. S. Gaither Esq.r
Sup.t &c—

Mint of the U. States,
Nov. 10, 1841.

Sir,

Your several letters of the 1st, 8th, 12th, & 28th ult., & 2d inst., have been duly received; - that of the 12th ult. containing assay-slip No. 9., and that of the 2d. inst. slips Nos. 10 & 11.

These slips have been assayed by Mr. Eckfeldt, who reports them as follows:

No. 9,	received	Oct. 18, -	900
No. 10,	"	Nov. 8, -	899.2 "
" 11,	"	" 8, -	899.2 "

Very respt.,
your faithful servt.,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To/ B.S. Gaither, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

P.S. Ten carboys Nitric Acid, & 2 Kegs salt-petre, were shipped to Charleston on the 12th ult., for your mint.

To /

B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Nov. 10, 1841.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 13th. Novemr. 1841

Sir

I have the honor of inclosing an assay slip from Melt No. 12 of Ingots - reported fineness .899 weight $\frac{120}{1000}$ths value $2.23.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
B. S. Gauthier
Supt. L. & L.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From /

B. S. Gaither, Esq;
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.
Nov. 13. 1841.
Rec'd " 20. "

Mint of the United States,
Nov. 25. 1841.

Sir,

Yours of the 13th inst., enclosing a slip from your Melt No. 12, was duly received, and Mr. Eckfeldt reports the fineness of the slip to be 900 ~~m~~.

R. M. P.
D.—

To,

B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/

B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Nov. 25, 1841.

Coiner's Office U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N. C. 30 Novem.r 1841

Sir

I have the honor of reporting to you the amount of Coinage executed this Month to be in half Eagles 6.235 pieces, equal in value to Thirty One Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy Five ($31.175.) Dollars

Balance due Treas.r Oct.r 30	Ozs. 1.650.883
Bullion in Ingots rec.d this Month	1.219.500
	2.870.383
Amt. deliv.d this Month in Coin & clippings	2.784.257
Balance due Treas.r at this time of	Ozs. 86.126

I further beg leave to inform you that we shall be in want of some Oil for the use of the Mint in a short time. A barrel of the best Winter strained will be sufficient for a long time. I also request you to make a requisition on the Director for two Dies - one half and One quarter Eagle heads, the tail or reverse dies, I have a sufficient number of, for the next year.

Yours &c
(signed) John R. Bolton
Coiner

R. S. Gaither Esq.r
Supt. &c.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 2 Decem.r 1841

B. S. Gaither Esq.r
Supt.

Sir

During the Month of November I.rec.d 2.408 27/1000 Ozs Stan.d of Gold Bullion from the Treasurer, and deliv.d 2206 14/100 Ounces of Standard Ingots for Coinage. All deposites received during the Month have been assayed.

I shall require about 250 common straight fire bricks, 50 half bricks (square) and a barrel of fire clay for cement to repair the furnaces, also a dozen of wooden dippers with handles for the Refinery.

The other articles called for during this year, should now be expedited.

I am respectfully
J. H. Gibbon
Assayer Melter & Refiner

Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the Branch Mint of the U. States at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 30.th November 1841.

Date of Depo:	Description of Bullion	Weight before Melting	Weight after Melting	Stan.d Weight Ozs. decs	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions
1841 Novem.r 1.	Amalgam & Bars	13. 52	13. 04	13. 601	253. 04	253. 04
"	Amalgam	116. 53	110. 70	105. 164	1.956. 54	1.956. 54
"	Bar	11. 41	11. 41	11. 764	218. 86	218. 86
2.	Amalgam	23. 15	22. 65	23. 227	432. 13	432. 13
"	Amalgam	9. 56	9. 42	10. 371	192. 95	192. 95
"	Pieces	6. 26	6. 24	5. 718	106. 38	106. 38
3	Bars	31. 99	31. 99	32. 061	596. 48	596. 48
5	Amalgam	8. 47	7. 06	7. 043	131. 03	131. 03
8	Bars & Amalgam	6. 00	5. 95	5. 883	109. 45	109. 45
10	Bars	80. 70	80. 70	82. 521	1.535. 28	1.535. 28
11	Amalgam	8. 00	7. 69	7. 978	148. 42	148. 42
13.	Amalgam	145. 52	139. 33	131. 566	2.447. 72	2. 447. 72
"	Bar & pieces	25. 58	25. 55	25. 543.	475. 20	475. 20
"	Bar & pieces	5. 10	5. 04	5. 280	98. 22	98. 22
15	Bar	10. 16	10. 16	9. 684	180. 16	180. 16
16	Bar	6. 63	6. 57	6. 890	128. 18	128. 18
19.	Bar	15. 65	15. 57	15. 880	295. 44	295. 44
"	Amalgam	73. 50	70. 71	70. 394	1.309. 67	1.309. 67
"	Amalgam	11. 28	10. 84	10. 080	187. 52	187. 52
23.	Bar	9. 14	9. 14	9. 952	185. 15	185. 15
26	Bar & Amalgam	5. 12	4 95	4. 932.	91. 76	91. 76
"	Amalgam & Bar	5. 49	5. 25	4. 957	92. 22	92. 22
27	Bar & pieces	10 10.	10. 07	8. 077	150. 27	150. 27
		638. 86	620. 03	608. 566	11.322. 07	11.322. 07

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 2 Decr. 1841

Sir

I have the honor to report to you the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of November. The paper marked A. exhibits the quantity of Gold Bullion received and the value thereof. The papers B. & C. will show you the operations during the Month in the several departments of the Coiner & Assayer Melter & Refiner. I beg leave to call your attention to the requisitions made in the Reports of the Coiner and of the Assayer, and request that you have them complied with at as early a period as practicable.

Inclosed is an assay slip from Melt No. 13. reported fineness .899 weight $\frac{090 \text{ ths}}{1000}$ value $1.67.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
B. S. Gaither
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From)

B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint.
Charlotte.
Dec. 2. 1841.
Rec'd " 9. "

(November Report.)

December 1841

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Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.
December 3rd 1841.

Sir,

In reference to the enclosed letter of Mr: Wheeler will you be pleased to state whether you consider the purchase of a "Gilt Eagle" for the Charlotte Branch Mint, a proper charge against the U. States; or whether it was duly authorized by you.

Very Respectfully
Your Ob Sot,
J. M. Barker
Acting Comptroller

Dr: R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

From/ Jas. A. Barker, Esq.
Acting Comptroller.

Dec. 3. 1841.

Read " 6. "

Mint U.S.
Dec. 6th, 1841.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d inst., in relation to the purchase of a "Gilt Eagle", ~~by~~ placed as an ornament ~~to be~~ in front of the Charlotte Mint, by the late Superintendent Col. Wheeler.

I have to state, in reply, that this purchase was never authorized by me, and that I never was consulted with regard to it. Mr. Wheeler mentions that he communicated the fact of this purchase to me at the time. I can find no letter from him on the subject, though I have an indistinct recollection that some one did mention that there was such an ornament placed in front of the Charlotte Mint. ~~Mr. Wheeler seems to~~ I repeat, however, that ~~I never was~~ my consent to such an appendage was never asked or given. Still I have no doubt, ~~however~~, that the expenditure was made under an impression, (in which unhappily I do not join,) that the Eagle would be a great ornament to the building; and I do not ~~claim any~~ know that Mr. Wheeler was under any obligation to consult me in the matter.

R. M. P.

(N.B.) Return Col. Wheeler's letter.)

(To) Jas. N. Barker, Esq.
Comptroller &c.

To

Jas. A. Barker, Esq.

Comptr. Treasury.

Dec. 6, 1841.

Mint of the United States,
Dec. 14, 1841.

Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 2'd inst., containing a report for November, & enclosing a slip from your melt No. 13.

This slip has been assayed by Mr. Eckfeldt, and reported to be 900 fine.

The articles ordered by your Coiner and Assayer will be sent in a short time. Dies for 1842 are in the course of preparation.

We shipped on the 16th ult. for your Mint, 14 carboys of Nitric Acid; and on the 1st inst., 1 bbl. pot-covers, 4 plates Zinc, 2 sheets copper, and 1 box Blk. lead pots No. 30.

R. M. P.
Dr.

To/
B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/

B. S. Guither, Esq

Supt. &c. &c.

Charlotte.

Dec. 14, 1841.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 17 Dec.r 1841

Sir

I have the honor of inclosing an assay slip from Melt No 14 of Ingots reported fineness .900 weight $\frac{080}{1000}$ value $1.48.

very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
B. S Gaither
Superintendent

D. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/

B. S. Gaither, Esq.,

Supt. Br. Mint,

Charlotte,

Dec. 17, 1841.

Rec'd " 23, "

Mint of the United States,
Dec. 22, 1841.

Sir,

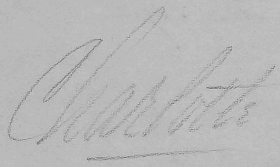
I take the liberty of sending to you, by the present mail, a box of this, directed on the inner envelope to the Supt. of the Br. Mint at Charlotte, to be forwarded under your frank, as heretofore.

R. M. P.
Dr.

Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treasury.

To Sec. of Treasury.

Dec. 22. 1841.



Mint of the U. S.

Dec. 29, 1841.

Sir,

The slip from your mark No. 14, enclosed in yours of the 17th, has been received, and Mr. Eckfeldt reports its fineness to be 899 Mls.

We shipped yesterday, per Sch. Magruder, to Charleston, for the use of your Mint,

1 Box Brown Soap
1 Bbl. Winter Oil.
1 " Fire clay.
3 boxes " bricks & tiles.

Dr. Gibbon asks for cast iron frames & plates for sand-baths. We have dispensed with these at this Mint, & have substituted large tiles, perforated with holes to admit cast-iron pans; and it is so great an improvement that we have sent you, with the above articles, tiles perforated for sand-baths, and have given orders for cast-iron pans. The tiles should be protected from cracking by ~~two~~ square wrought iron hoops around them. — The other articles will be sent soon.

R. M. P.
Director.

To
B. S. Smith, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte
N.C.

To

B. S. Gaither, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Charlotte, N.C.

Dec. 29. 1841.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 29 Decr. 1841

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you an assay slip from Melt No. 15 of Ingots - reported fineness .900 - weight $\frac{100 \text{ Ths}}{1000}$ value $1.86

Yours very respectfully

B. S. Gaither
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/

B. S. Gaither

Supt. Br. Mint,

Charlotte, N.C.

Dec. 29, 1841.

Rec'd Jan. 6, 1842.

~~January 1842~~

Charlotte

1841

Coiner's Office U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 31 Decem.r 1841

Sir

I have the honor of reporting to you the amount and Kind of Coinage executed during this Month to be in half Eagles 5.361 pieces and in Quarter Eagles 1.011 pieces equal in value to $29.332.50.

Amt. due Treasurer from last Month		Ozs. 86.126
Rec.d Bullion in Ingots during this Month		2.827.400
		Ozs. 2.913.526
Deliv.d in Coins during the Month	Ozs. 1576.622	
" " Clippings " "	1084.250	2.660.872
Balance due Treasurer at this date of		Ozs. 252.654

which I am accountable for.

Yours respectfully
(Signed) John R. Bolton
Coiner

B. S. Gaither Esq.r
Supt. &c

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Recd Jan. 15. 42.

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U. S. Branch Mint

Charlotte N.C.a 31 Decem.r 1841

Sir

During the Month of December I have received from the Treasurer 1542 $\frac{919}{1000}$ Ounces of Stan.d Gold Bullion, and have delivered to him 1841 $\frac{250}{1000}$ Ounces of Stan.d Ingots for Coinage - besides 56 $\frac{725}{1000}$ Ounces Stan.d of Gold Bullion of various kinds, the character of which I will enumerate below.

All deposits rec.d during this Month have been assayed.

During the year 1841 I have received from the Treasurer 13.549 $\frac{045}{1000}$ Ounces Stan.d of Gold Bullion, and have returned into his hands 13.492 $\frac{320}{1000}$ Ounces Stan.d of Gold Ingots - leaving a balance of 56 $\frac{725}{1000}$ Ounces Stan.d.

I have this day delivered to him as follows

123.00 Ozs @ .254 mills, of grains from sweeps		34. 713	
4.02 " " 1000 " being Fine Gold from assays		4. 460	
" " " Pots filings & grains from Stan Ingots		14. 280	
& Seven Bbls of Sweeps Cont.g balance		3. 272	56. 725.

which renders any charge for wastage unnecessary.

As much the largest portion of our Bullion was received from Depositors during the latter part of this year, it was impossible for me by the ordinary process in use at this Mint to have founded up the large accumulation of pots, crucibles, and refuse in the Melting room - to wash and collect the grains - and to flux and value the "Sweeps" in time to settle my account by the end of the year, - I therefore thought it advisable in consultation with you to resort to a plan, which I had spoken of for two years past. All the refuse implements and sweeps collected from the apartments under my ~~charge~~ direction, were barrelled up, and sent under the

charge of my own Workmen to a Gold Mill for grinding Ores. The gross parts were broken down by heavy iron rollers revolving in water – the coarser grains were then collected by a common "rocker" or washer. The remainder with the fine Sweeps were then ground together in water with quicksilver, the fine particles of Gold & Silver were thus closely collected in Amalgam. The refuse sweeps being precipitated in vats – were drained and repacked in the Barrels.

By these means, I have been able in a few days at a slight comparative expense to collect and ascertain the value of the grains of precious metal existing in the "Sweeps" and to offer a settlement at the end of the year, much more prompt and to my satisfaction than I have ever hitherto done.

I hope that the plan I have pursued will meet the approbation of the Director. Well mixed samples of the Sweeps will be sent to Philadelphia according to his general directions, when we shall be able to ascertain if there remains a sufficiency of gold in them, to authorize the expense of their exportation as heretofore.

With regard to the trifling waste of Gold which has hitherto occurred in the apartments under my charge, notwithstanding the claim which at the end of each successive year, it was necessary for me to make for settlement, before my sweeps were sold, I must request, since no entry has been made upon the Books of this Mint to my credit of the net product of such sales, that I be furnished with an authenticated account of the sums claimed as necessary wastage at the end of each year, and of the Amount received from the sale of my sweeps, to show how little of the Gold Bullion placed in my hands has actually been wasted.

I also wish a copy of the receipt to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury in order to correct any injurious opinion, which might readily be formed in consequence of an omission, unjust in relation to this Institution, as well as to the Officer and Workmen interested.

The whole amount of Fine Silver which I had received on the
31 December 1840, amounted in Stan.d Ounces to 2.492.142
The Amt. cont.d in Deposits, which I have given receipts
for during this year is 281.680
2.773.822
I have transferred this Amt. to the Treasurer, and also the
balance in my hands Amounting to 325.978
showing the total amount of Stan.d Ounces to be 3.099.800

This sum of 325.$\frac{978}{1000}$ Ozs of Stan.d Silver is the accumulation from deposites, upon which no allowance of Silver has been paid, and with which I have not therefore been charged.

I do not Know whether according to the instructions of the Director, I am to take a receipt for this amount, and give a similar acknowledgement to the Treasurer at the termination of each year, or await his further directions. I offer it as a portion of the funds in my hands this day.

I am respectfully
(signed) F. H. Gibbon
Assayer Melter & Refiner

B. S. Gaither Esqr
Superintendent

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - 1842

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 4 Jany 1842.

Sir

I have the honor of reporting, in part, the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of December 1841.

The paper A, will exhibit the amount, Kind, and value of Bullion received for Coinage during that month.

The paper B. is an abstract of the amount and value of Bullion received for Coinage in each month during the year 1841, and the amount of Coin executed in each Month for the same period.

The Amount of Coinage for the Month of Decem.r will be probably $2.000 more than the amount given in this Abstract, for the reason, that a coinage of a melt from the clippings of Melt No 15 is now going on, that will be carried to that month.

The Assayer & Melter & Refiner and Coiner have not been enabled to get up their sweeps and make out their reports in time to send them by this mail.

I have caused the paper B. to be forwarded, that you may have the necessary data from this Branch upon which to predicate your annual Report, in case the Reports of the Assayer, Melter & Refiner & Coiner should not reach you in time. You will observe that the amount of Bullion received during the year is about the general average of several preceding years, but by reference to the Monthly Reports you will find that $73.000 of this Amount has been received since the 18.th of August when I had the honor of taking charge of this Institution.

I feel confident that we will receive a much larger Amount of Bullion during the next year, than has ever been received at this Branch

The prejudices formerly existing against this Branch, I think have been removed — Our recent assays have given universal satisfaction, and I am happy to say that nothing has occurred since my connection with this Branch to mar the pleasure of social and official intercourse with the Officers of this Mint.

I will most certainly forward you the Reports of the Assayer Melter & Refiner & Coiner by next mail.

I enclose an assay slip from Melt No 16 of Ingots reported fineness .899 weight $\frac{100}{1000}$ths value $1.86.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
B. S. Gaither
Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

B.

Statement of the Amount of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the United States Branch Mint at Charlotte No. Ca. during the year 1841.

1841

	Ozs.	decs.	Dolls.	cts		½ Eagles	¼ Eagles	Dolls.	cts
January	537.	642	6.653.	72	✓				
February	288.	152	5.360	96	✓				
March	367.	710	6.841.	07	✓	1.960.	2.070.	14.975.	
April	1.101.	430	20.491.	64	✓				
May	226.	423	4.212.	49	✓	3.451		17.255.	✓
June	241.	825.	4.499.	06	✓		3.980.	9.950	
July	474.	009	8.818.	73	✓	1.850.		9.250	✓
August	856.	466	15.934.	15	✓				
Septem^r.	664.	095	12.355.	16	✓	2.610.	3.220.	21.100.	✓
October	1.306.	284	24.302.	70	✓				
Novem^r.	608.	566	11.322.	07	✓	6.235.		31.175.	✓
Decem^r.	634.	019	11.795.	66	✓	5.361	~~1,0~~	26.805	✓
	7.126.	621	132.587.	41	✓	21.467.	9.270.	130.510.	
					Dec. —		1,011	2,527	50
						21,467	10,281	[illegible]	50
						10,281			
					Total —	31,748	— —	133,037	50

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A.

List of Deposites of Gold Bullion received for Coinage at the Branch Mint of the U. States at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month ending 31.st December 1841.

Date of Depo:	Description of Bullion	Weight before Melting	Weight after Melting	Stan.d Weight Ozs. decs	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions
Decem.r 6.	Bar	15. 57	15. 51	16. 612	309. 06	309. 06
"	Bars & Amalgam	9. 42	9. 27	9. 824	182. 77	182. 77
7.	Bars	15. 53	15. 52	12. 480	232. 19	232. 19
"	Amalgam (all the quick silver cont.d)	7. 57	2. 66	2 534	47. 14	47. 14
11	Amalgam	72. 54	69. 32	64. 965	1.208. 65	1.208. 65
"	D.o	39. 95	39. 39	38. 952	724. 69	724. 69
"	D.o	129. 49	124. 95	119. 169	2.217. 06	2.217. 06
"	D.o	25. 67	25. 37	27. 594	513. 37	513. 37
13.	D.o	11. 81	11. 14	11. 720	218. 05	218. 05
"	Amalgam Grains & Ore	13. 00	10. 23	10. 570	196. 66	196. 66
15	Pieces & Amalgam	9. 41	9. 31	9. 297	172. 96	172. 96
16	Bar pieces & Amalgam	5. 35	5. 30	4. 875	90. 70	90. 70
20	Pieces	10. 00	9. 96	9. 516	177. 04	177. 04
21	Amalgam	27. 06	26. 03	25. 826	480. 48	480. 48
"	D.o	5. 43	5. 11	4. 501	83. 74	83. 74
22	Bars & pieces	27. 61	27. 60	28. 114	523. 05	523. 05
23	Bar (brittle)	7. 13	7. 09	6. 466	120. 30	120. 30
24	Amalgam	5. 01	4. 94	5. 361	99. 74	99. 74
27	D.o	10. 14	9. 55	10. 047	186. 92	186. 92
"	Bars & pieces	27. 85	27. 85	29. 148	542. 30	542. 30
28	Bars	41. 44	41. 43	38. 385	714. 14	714. 14
"	Amalgam	49. 07	46. 87	42. 889	797. 94	797. 94
"	Bars pieces & Amalgam	87. 95	87. 37	70. 626	1.313. 96	1.305. 65
30	Bars	40. 55.	40. 54	34. 548	642. 75	642. 75
		694. 55.	672. 31.	634. 019.	11.795. 66.	11.787. 35

Amount delivered by the Coiner to the Treas. at Charlotte N. Mint, in coins, in 1841, per reports.

		Ounces	Ounces	Dolls.	
January		None			
February		"			
March		½ 526.750			
"		¼ 278.156	804.906	14,975.	March
April	None				
May		432.956			
"		494.500	927.456	17,255.	May
June,		534.812	534.812	9,950.	June
July,		497.188	497.188	9,250.	July
Aug.	None.				
Sept.		701.437			
~~Oct~~.	~~None~~	432.688	1,134.125	21,100	Sept.
Oct.	None				
Nov.		1,675.656	1,675.656	31,175	Nov.
Dec.		1,576.622	1,576.622	29,332.50	Dec.
			7,150.765	133,037.50	

An Act for the relief of the American Philosophical Society, held at Philadelphia, for promoting useful knowledge.

§ 1. Be it enacted &c., that the American Philosophical Society, held at Philadelphia, for promoting useful knowledge, shall have power to sell or lease

From

B. S. Gaither,

Supt. Br. Mint,

Charlotte, N.C.

Jan. 4. 1842.

Rec'd " 10. "

(Dec. report.)

Mint of the United States,
January 7, 1842.

Sir,

Herewith I send you a statement of my account with your mint for the quarter just closed, together with the vouchers. You will perceive that your funds are not only entirely exhausted, but that there is a balance to your debit of Fifty 08/100 dollars, ($50.08.)

The following bills against your Mint are now due:

Messrs. Farr, Reeves & Weightman	(Nitric Acid.)	$277.12
Abm. Miller,	(Fire-brick &c.)	20.25
S. P. Morris	(Iron Pans)	6.55
So that your funds are deficient ——		$304.00

The proceeds of your coins for the annual assay will be available about the middle of February, and will supply this deficiency in part. To meet the balance & such other expenses as may occur, I pray you to supply me with funds immediately. Perhaps your ~~had better~~ best course would be to request the Sec. of Treasury to issue his Warrant in my favor for $250 or $300.

We shipped on the 5th inst., for your Mint, a box containing iron-pans for sand-baths, Wooden dippers & Hand-scrubbing brushes.

The slip from your Melt No. 15, rec'd yesterday,

is reported by Mr. Eckfeldt to be .899 fine.

R. M. P.
Director.

To/
B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
acting Treas. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/

B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Supt. of U. S. Mint,
Charlotte,
N.C.

Jan. 7. 1842.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 8 January 1842.

Sir

I wrote you on the 4th Inst. and enclosed an account of the Gold Bullion received during the Months of December, and an Abstract of the Amount of Bullion received and Coin executed during the last year.

I now have the honor to forward the several reports of the Assayer Melter & Refiner and Coiner for the Months of Decem.r

The Report of the Assayer Melter & Refiner shows that he has (by the use of a Mill for grinding gold Ore in the neighbourhood) been enabled to procure more gold from his sweeps, than he has formerly received from them, in the usual process heretofore practised in this Mint, and that he has been enabled to settle his account with the Treasurer at the end of this year, without asking a credit for Wastage – the difference between the Amount of Gold Bullion that he received, and the amount he returned to the Treasurer during the year is but $3\frac{272}{1000}$ Ozs, and he has delivered Seven Barrels of Sweeps in which he estimates that amount of Gold Bullion.

You will observe that he has reported $325\frac{478}{1000}$ Ozs of Stand. Silver as the accumulation from deposites upon which no allowance for Silver has been paid, and with which he has not been charged on the Books of the Mint. I wish to know whether this accumulation of Silver is to remain in the possession of the Assayer Melter & Refiner, (without being accepted for) as an emplement of his Office to be used for separating purposes, or to be delivered annually to the Treasurer and carried to the Profit & Loss &c. Heretofore the Assayer has reported the amount of such accumulation at the end of each year and no further notice has been taken of that fund. In referring to the correspondence between yourself and the late Superintendent, I have been induced to believe, that

it is my duty as Treasurer to receive all the Gold and Silver Bullion of every description remaining in the possession of either of the Officers of the Mint, at the termination of each year, and in doing so would necessarily receive this amount of accumulated Silver — I would be pleased to have your opinion upon this matter.

The Coiner's Report shows 252 $\frac{654}{1000}$ Ozs of Stan.d Gold in his possession, which has not yet been delivered over to me as Treasurer, (he having only got through his last Coinage) but will be when he gets upt. has assayed all his Sweeps and filings. I therefore cannot report the amount of wastage in his department, but I fear from the present state of his a/c that it will be more than is desireable. I shall require a bona fide delivery of all the bullion in his hands and report to you the precise amount of wastage in his department, so soon as he can get his Sweeps and filings in a situation to be delivered to me. His Report exhibits a larger amount of Coinage in the Month of December than I estimated in the Abstract sent you in my letter of the 4th Inst.— And $260. the value of the Coin reserved for the Annual assay, should be added, showing a Coinage at this Mint in the year 1841 of $133.297.50.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of two Dies for the year 1842 from the Secretary of the Treasury — One head for half Eagles and one ditto for Quarter Eagles.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
B. S Gaither
Superintendent
Treasury Branch
Mint

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/
B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Jan. 8. 1842.
Recd " 15. "

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 11 January 1842.

Sir

I had the honor to write you upon the 8th Inst, and enclosed the Monthly Reports of the Assayer, Melter & Refiner & Coiner.

The Report of the Melter & Refiner showed that he had made his annual settlement with me as Treasurer, and that his accounts were balanced in a manner I hope entirely satisfactory to you, but the Coiner at that time had not made a delivery of all the Gold Bullion in his possession so that his a/cs could be closed.

Since my letter of the 8th Inst. I have required a delivery of all the Bullion remaining in the possession of the Coiner, and I regret to inform you, that he has been unable to balance his a/cs or even to bring his wastage within the most liberal limits of the law. He has received during the year 13. 490 $\frac{770}{1000}$ Ozs of Stand. Bullion, and has returned within the same period 13. 457 $\frac{427}{1000}$ Ozs showing a deficiency of 33. $\frac{343}{1000}$ Ozs and allowing him the full benefit for wastage 20 $\frac{235}{1000}$ Ozs leaves still a balance of 13 $\frac{108}{1000}$ Ozs (equal to $243.87) unaccounted for.

I have given him every opportunity to detect any error that might have been committed in keeping his a/cs and offered him every facility to explain this extraordinary wastage in his department, but he has been unable to show the slightest error in his accounts as kept by the Treas^{r} or to give any satisfactory explanation how the deficiency originated. His Books in fact correspond with those kept by the Treasurer and show the same loss.

I cannot conceive how this very unusually large wastage could have occurred in this department, and feel bound to report the fact for your consideration forthwith.

I have given the Coiner, credit for all the Standard Bullion that he has returned, but have declined giving him any credit for Wastage, or closing his A/cs for the year in any manner, until I could hear from you, and have your instructions upon the whole matter.

I cannot send my Bullion A/cs for the last Quarter to the Treasury Department, until I know how I am to dispose of this deficiency

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
B. I. Gantt
Superintendent &
Treasurer

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/ B. S. Gaither,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
Jan. 11. 1842
Recd " 20. "

Mint U.S.
Jan. 12th, 1842.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., presenting the report of the operations of your Mint for December, and an abstract of the whole operations for the year.

The assay slips sent in this letter, and reported as 899 ‰ fine, has been twice carefully tested by Mr. Eckfeldt, and found to be but 898 ‰. This is down to the very limit at which it can be legally received, and it is a rule at this Mint, not to allow a deviation from the standard of more than one thousandth. As the ingots are probably coined, the case must be passed, but I regret that it should have occurred.

R. M. P.

B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Sup. U. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To

B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. D. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

Jan. 12. 1842.

Mint U. S.
Jan. 20th, 1842.

Sir,

I am distressed by the report made in your letter of the 11th inst., (just received,) as to the deficit in the account of Mr. Bolton, ~~the Coiner of~~ With the simple system of checks with which he was familiar while at this Mint, I cannot understand how so large a loss could have occurred, without being perceived in the course of the year, and being made a subject of report and investigation. ~~I am no solicitous in saying~~ If the operations of the Coining department were conducted with care, such a loss could not be ascribed to legitimate and excusable wastage, and ought, whenever perceived, to have given rise to suspicions of fraud, which might have been detected on prompt inquiry into the matter. Perhaps it may not be yet too late to discover the cause of the extraordinary deficiency. Mr. Bolton has, no doubt, kept memorandums of the weight of each delivery of ingots, and of the returns, by his men, from every such delivery, in planchets, clippings, and filings. By examining them separately, the time or times of any extraordinary deficiency

may be discovered, and of a clue to investigation found. I would not say that it is your duty to employ every means at your command to ~~satisfy~~ get information as to the origin of the loss in question, and I pray you to report to me the result of your inquiries.

In the mean time, the course to be pursued is a plain one. The deficit, which you make to be $243.87, must be paid by the Mint. I hope that he has the command of funds to do so at once; if not, the amount must be deducted from his salary. — If your investigations shall show that the loss was owing to theft by any one employed at the Mint, and the individual can be found upon, Mr. Botton may then be relieved from his loss, either by recourse to the real criminal, or by special act of Congress; but until then, he is made responsible by the laws.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., with the copy of a letter to you from Dr. Gibbons, whose opinion with regard to the sweep seems to have been judicious.

Your summary of the coinage for the year, differed from that which we had derived from the

monthly reports. The reason we find to have had its origin in a course which has heretofore been pursued at your Mint, and which it is desirable to change. You will please therefore to report, hereafter, according to the form which I send enclosed, and ~~to~~ not to send me copies of the reports to you from the Coiner & ~~Master~~ Assayer &c. In your reports, you will ~~please to~~ state, as the coinage of the month, only what has been actually delivered to you as treasurer.

I find you speak of the coins reserved for the annual assay, as if they had ~~no~~ diminished, by so much, the deliveries made to you by the Coiner. This should not be so. All that he coins must be delivered to ~~you~~ the Treasury, and credited on his books, and then the trial coins are to be taken from the delivery in the Treasurer's hands.

R. M. P.

Dr

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B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

P.S. Then thought it right to send you the following copy of one of our Annual entries, regarding the reserved coins.

Gold Coins received in Jany Dr to Gold Coinage

For this amount of gold coins received for the Coinage annually, certify the Sub-Treasurer and Assayer, mentioned, certify the delivered gold coins from Port Carlotta to this date inclusive, 13,169 dy. 1845

To

B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte. N.C.

Jan. 20. 1842.

Mint of the U. S.
Jan. 26, 1842.

Sir,

In your letter of the 8th inst., you inquire of me what course should be pursued with the silver that accumulates in the hands of the Assayer, (acting as Melter & Refiner,) from parting deposites on which no allowance for silver has been paid. I answer that at every annual settlement, all the bullion, - silver as well as gold, - of every description, in the hands of the Assayer, should be delivered over to the Treasurer. After this settlement, the silver bullion, with the accumulation in question, may be handed back to the Assayer, to be used for the process of parting.

I send a formula of the entries to be made, as recommended by our Book-keeper.

R. M. P.
Director.

To/
B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte,
N.C.

P.S. I trust that your Assay Coins will not fail to reach us in time for the annual Assay - Feb. 14th.

To

B. S. Gaither, Esq'r

Supt. &c.

Charlotte, N.C.

Jan. 26, 1842.

Silver Bullion Dr To Profit & Loss.

1841
Dec. 31. For this amount gained by the Melter & Refiner in his operations from 1st. January to this date inclusive, being so much Silver contained in gold deposites delivered to him for Seperating; and on which no allowance was made to the depositors.

325.478 ozs dec. Stand. Silver 378.74

Melter & Refiner his ag. of Silver
Dr To Silver Bullion.

Dec. 31. For this amount being the accumulations in his hands from gold deposites delivered to him as above stated.

325.478 ozs dec. Stand. Silver. 378.74

Silver Bullion Dr To Melter & Refiner his ag. of Silver.

Dec. 31. Received from him the amount of Silver bullion gained as above stated, as per Receipt No.

325.478 ozs dec Stand. Silver 378.74

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 1 Feby 1842

Sir

I have the honor of reporting to you the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of January 1842.

The paper marked A exhibits the quantity and value of the Gold Bullion received during this Month, and which amounts in value to $14.047.75, and greatly exceeding the amount received in the corresponding Month in the years 1839, '40 & '41, the highest of which was $6.653.72.

There has been delivered to the Melter & Refiner 1.184 $\frac{221}{1000}$ Ozs Stand.d of Gold Bullion and received from him 737 $\frac{390}{1000}$ Ozs Stand. Gold Ingots during the Month.

In consequence of the difficulty growing out of the wastage in the Coiner's Department, I declined delivering him any Ingots for Coinage until I heard from you in reply to my letter of the 11 Inst, and consequently there has been no Coin executed during the Month.

I herewith enclose an Assay slip from Melt No.1 of Ingots reported fineness .900 weight $\frac{970}{1000}$ths of an Ounce value $1.30. I shall likewise send you by the Revd Mr. Deanes (who leaves for New York in this Stage) the Specimen Coins reserved at this Mint for the annual Assay which I hope you will receive in a few days.

I wrote you upon the 8th Ulto that I had received the dies for the year 1842, and should have informed you that I had defaced and destroyed 2 heads ½ Eagles 2 ditto ¼ Eagles & 1 tail of ½ Eagles.

I have received the various articles forwarded from your City for this Mint, and regret to learn from Dr Gibbon that the Bbl of pot covers

received, proved to be Nos 8+10 entirely too small to cover the black lead pots No: 30 which are mostly used in our Melts. He informs me that he wishes a few of larger size as we have almost entirely exhausted our supplies, and that it would be better always to send large covers for pots No: 30— We wish likewise some sand crucibles.

I will forward you funds in a few days to meet the liabilities you have incurred for this Branch. I should have requested a draft in your favor from the Treasury Department immediately upon receiving my a/cs for the last Quarter, but have no funds remaining to my credit.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 20th Ulto in reply to my letter of the 11 Inst by Yesterdays mail and have not been enabled to reply satisfactorily to the various matters therein, by this mail, but will write you fully by the next.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
B. I Gautier
Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Supt. &c.
Charlotte, N. C.
Feb. 1. 1842.
Recd " 8. "
(January Report.)

February 1842

Statement of the Deposites and Coinage at the Charlotte Branch Mint in the Month of January 1842.

Date	Kinds of Deposite	Gross Weight after Melting	Stan.d Weight Ozs. decs	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions
Jany 1.	Bar	9. 85	10. 593	197. 08	197. 08
"	Bars	5. 02	3. 836	71. 36	71. 36
3.	Bars	34. 22	31. 165	579. 82	579. 82
"	Amalgam	7. 00	6. 478	120. 52	120. 52
"	Bars & a button	11. 64	11. 147	207. 38	207. 38
4.	Amalgam	25. 32	24. 110	448. 56	448. 56
"	Amalgam	22. 41	21. 719	404. 07	404. 07
5.	Bars and Amalgam	17. 07	17. 926	333. 50	333. 50
"	Amalgam	16. 72	17. 773	330. 66	330. 66
7	Amalgam	9. 17	9. 351	173. 97	173. 97
11.	Grains with rock	21. 18	23. 013	428. 15	428. 15
12.	Bar & button	5. 37	3. 722	69. 25	69. 25
"	Bar	4. 97	4. 813	89. 55	89. 55
17.	Grains Amalgam and Bar	11. 23	11. 466	213. 32	213. 32
18	Bar pieces and Amalgam	8. 43	5. 760	107. 16	107. 16
"	Bar	7. 99	8. 467	157. 52	157. 52
"	Pieces and grains	25. 52	27. 164	505. 37	505. 37
"	Pieces	16. 03	17. 365	323. 05	323. 05
"	Pieces and Amalgam	12. 67	12. 217	227. 29	227. 29
"	Bar	7. 71	5. 996	111. 55	111. 55
20	Bar	6. 66	6. 266	116. 57	116. 57
24	Amalgam	85. 90	81. 361	1. 513. 68	1. 513. 68
"	Bars Amalgam & Bechtler's Coins	15. 98	16. 493	306. 85	306. 85
"	Amalgam & Bar	151. 40	143. 555	2. 670. 78	2. 670. 78
"	Bar	6. 53.	6. 855	127. 53	127. 53
"	Bar	9. 43	6. 578	122. 38	122. 38
"	Grains	27. 71	26. 754	497. 75	497. 75
"	Amalgam and grains with rock	51. 30	55. 592	1. 034. 26	1. 034. 26
"	Bars	9. 22	8. 358	155. 50	155. 50
25	Doubloons, Guineas Bechtlers Coin & Amalgam	5. 78	5. 335	99. 25	99. 25
"	Bars & Amalgam	11. 83	11. 986	222. 99	222. 99
"	Amalgam	10. 40	10. 676	198. 62	198. 62
"	Bars Amalgam & Jewelry	8. 11	7. 298	135. 78	135. 78
"	Bar	24. 80	19. 123	355. 78	352. 16
"	Pieces	6. 18	5. 767	107. 30	107. 30
"	Bar	5. 52	5. 311	98. 81	98. 81
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	"	Bar	5. 52	5. 311	98. 81	98. 81
	"	Pieces	6. 28	5. 023	93. 45	93. 45
	26	Bars & Amalgam	12. 19	10. 293	191. 50	191. 50
	"	Amalgam	6. 39	6. 921	128. 76	128. 76
		Carried forward	741. 13	713. 626	13. 276. 67	13. 273. 05

Statement of Deposites at the Charlotte Branch Mint for January 1842. Continued

Date	Kind of Deposite	Weight after melting Ozs.	dwts	Stand. Weight Ozs.	dwts	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
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	Amount brought forward	741.	13	713.	626	13.276.	67	13.273.	05
27.	Bechtlers Coin & Amalgam	13.	05	12.	571	233.	88	233.	88
"	Amalgam & Pieces	5.	53	5.	363	99.	78	99.	78
28	Pieces & Amalgam	5.	88	5.	139	95.	61	95.	61
"	Amalgam & Bar	4.	00	3.	635	67.	63	67.	63
"	Bar	7.	68	7.	704	143.	33	143.	33
29.	Bar	8.	19	7.	033	130.	85	130.	85
		785.	46	755.	071	14.047.	75	14.044.	13

No Coinage executed during this Month.

Recd Feb. 8, 42.

United States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 2 Feby. 1842

Sir,

I send by Mr. Reese of N York a box containing 24 ounces Troy of the Sweeps remaining from the prouses in my appartments of the Mint during the year 1841.
As the roads are now very bad the barrels have been allowed to remain at the Mill, well headed up - but not weighed. I await the return apxy of these Sweeps when if it decided to forward them to you - they can be weighed & loaded for Charleston without returning to the Mint.

Mr Gaither desires me to state that he sends by the same opportunity three boxes of metal supposed to contain 1/3d part of Silver. They result from the melting of some counterfeit Mexican Dollars. If they can be received ~~from~~ for deposit & apxy he wishes the proceeds to be paid to Mr. M. Reese.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Sct.
J. H. Gibbon.

(Form)

Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon
Assayer Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Feb. 2/42.

Rec'd March 23d.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 4th Feby 1842

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 20 Ulto. in answer to my letter of the 11th in relation to the deficit in the a/cs of M. Bolton. I regret that I am yet unable to give you any satisfactory explanation of this matter. I have used all the means in my power to ascertain the true cause of the deficit and made every effort to enable M. Bolton to explain how and when it occurred, whether he has reason to implicate the workmen in his department or to suspect any individual connected or not with the Mint — or in whatever way it might have occurred — yet he has not given any reason to cast the slightest shade of suspicion upon any individual but himself —

It is painful indeed for me, to cast the slightest reflection upon the integrity ~~of~~ any individual, but my official relations towards You, require the utmost candour on my part in all my official communications with you, and I am constrained to believe that M. Bolton heretofore has considered that if he brought his a/cs within the legal limits for wastage, that he had done all that the Law required of him, and I fear he has abstracted from each Coinage, such an amount as the law would excuse for wastage, and in doing so he has got beyond the most liberal limits of the Law.

My principal reason for forming this opinion, is predicated upon an examination of the Abstract marked A which I herewith enclose for your examination. It is a memorandum from my Books showing each delivery of Ingots to M. Bolton, and the corresponding return of Coin and clippings for the Year 1841 This does not exhibit that regular and uniform deficit, between the value of the Ingots delivered and that of Coin and clippings returned, which would occur from actual and bona fide wastage under careful management;

but shows an unaccountable fluctuation in the wastage of the different Coinages and a loss in some, that is impossible to have occurred from necessary wastage.

I drew Mr. Bolton's attention to your remark relative to his delivery of Ingots to his men, and their return in planchets clippings and filings, in order that he might show if possible any improper conduct on the part of his hands but he has not intimated, that they have not made him proper returns of all the Gold received. Mr. Bolton in fact is personally present and participates most generally in the labour of his department, and keeps the gold under his personal care. He is remarkable for his close attention to his business.

I have closed his Ages for the last year by giving him credit for full wastage and taken his note for the deficit $243.87 to be retained out of this Quarters Salary. I endeavoured to get the amount from him but he is very much embarrased and was unable to pay it in any other way than by his Salary.

The course heretofore pursued at this Mint in relation to the Coins reserved for the annual assay, has been to take them from each Coinage and place them under the mutual custody of the Treasurer and Assayer until the end of each year, without giving the Coiner credit for the same on the Treasurer's Books until his annual settlement with the Treasurer, when he received a credit for the whole amount, and the Coin then considered as in the vaults of the Treasurer. If it be desireable to change this mode and adopt the manner referred to in your's of the 20 ult, please to renew your suggestion and it shall be attended to. I have thought that possibly, you were not in possession of the precise manner in which this item of our Ages has been kept.

I forwarded to you by the Revd. Mr. Janes, by last mail our Coin for the annual assay, which I hope you will receive in due time — Dr. Gibbon has sent by Mr. Michael Reece, (who will visit your City

shortly) a specimen of his Sweeps, in order that we know whether there is Gold sufficient remaining in them to justify the expense of transportation to Philadelphia.

We have nearly exhausted our supply of Bullion Certificates, and would be obliged to you to have a supply printed forthwith, and sent by Mr. Reece who will deliver the sweeps, and will return to this place sooner than we can get them by way of Charleston.

Yours very respectfully
B. F. Gantt
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia —

Mint U. S.
Feb. 9th, 1842.

Sir,

I have just received the box of coins reserved for the annual assay, sent by you under the care of the Rev. Mr. Jeanes. — I advise you not to make this remittance, hereafter, by private conveyance; but ~~the~~ to put up a few coins at a time, in ~~a~~ packages in the letter form, and send them to the Secretary of the Treasury, with a request to him to forward them to the Director at Philadelphia. This is the course always pursued by the other Branches, and is the safest, or, at ~~least~~ all events, the most free from responsibility on ~~your~~ the part of the Superintendent.

Your letter of the 1st was received yesterday, with the report for January, showing a very satisfactory amount of deposites.

The slip from Melt no. 1 has been tested by Mr. Eckfeldt, who reports its fineness at 899.9 ~~th~~.

We have fortunately on hand a portion of spare pot-covers of the size desired by Dr. Gibbon, and ~~are~~ are now packing up a barrel of them to forward to him.

R. M. P.
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To/
B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

To/

B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

Feb. 9. 1842.

18,.800	loss
5.906	gain
12.894	loss
7.144	"
6.410	"
10.648	"
10.762	"
9.223	"
3.872	"
.150	"
13.155	"
11.868	"
5.505	"
5.998	"
5.828	"
103.437	"
1.493	gain
101.944	loss
54.626	Filings.
47.318	loss in the operations of the year
20.235	Mortage full
27.083	Deficit

Statement of Stan.d Ingots deliv.d and Coin & Clippings rec.d from the Coiner of the Charlotte Branch Mint during the year 1841—

Date.	Stan.d Ingots Delivered			Clippings & Coinage rec.d		
Feby	1020.	190		474.	640	
	1001.	390		526.	750	1.001. 390
	18.	800	loss.			
March	469.	760		278.	156	
	475.	666		197.	510	475. 666
	5.	940	gain			
April	761.	710		321.	610	
	754.	566		432.	956	754. 566
	7.	144	loss.			
April	822.	280		494.	500	
	815.	870		321.	370	815. 870
	6.	410	loss			
May	939.	440		534.	812	
	928.	792		393.	980	928. 792
	10.	648	loss			
July	831.	900		497.	188	
	821.	138		323.	950	821. 138
	10.	762	loss			
Sept.r	1.150.	760		440.	100	
	1141.	537		701.	437	1.141. 537
	9.	223	loss			
Sept.r	796.	070		432.	688	
	792.	198		359.	510	792. 198
	3.	872	loss			
Oct.r	1.061.	980				
	1.061.	830		1.061.	830	1.061. 830.
		150	loss			
Oct.r	1589.	780		962.	125	
	1576.	652		614.	500	1.576. 652
	13.	128	loss + 155			
Novem.r	1219.	500		713.	532	
	1207.	632		494.	100	1.207. 632
	11.	868	loss.			
						10,577 244

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			10,577	244	10,577	244
Decemr.	986	430	532	125		
	980	925	448	800	980	925
	5	505 loss				
Decemr.	922	010	541	532		
	916	032	374	500	916	032
	5	978 loss				
Decemr.	633	890	260	950		
	628	062	367	112	628	062
	5	828 loss	838			
Decemr.	285	070	150	710		
	286	563	135	853	286	563
	1	493 gain				13,388,826

Filings at the end of the year 54 626

Mint U.S. Feb. 16/42.

Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 4th inst. relative to Mr. Bolton's accounts for the last year, and the extraordinary wastage which has occurred in his department. I thank you for the frankness with which you have ~~spoken~~ written on this distressing subject. I hope that the same confidence ~~will~~ and candour may always mark your official communications. I cannot, however, yet bring myself to believe, that a man who has heretofore held a good character, — who was long, trusted at this Mint, in high trust with the Chief Coiner, and always conducted himself honestly, — has ~~for~~ sunk so low as to be guilty of felony. I say of felony, for the law ~~makes no allowance for wastage, but only fixes a limit. It expressly requires that all the bullion placed in his hands coins, clippings and other bullion. It~~ expressly requires (Sect. 29 of Mint Act.) that at the settlement of his accounts the "Coiner shall deliver to the Treasurer all the coins and bullion in his possession," ~~and a~~ limit of allowance being then fixed for actual wastage. If, then, any coin or bullion be kept back, ~~on such settlement, the it~~ the act is one of embezzlement, and is a ~~made~~ felony under the 24th Sect. of the ~~Act~~ law of March 3d 1825, punishable by fine, and imprisonment at hard labor, and, before the passage of that law, was punishable by death.

The statement of Mr. Bolton's monthly receipts and returns, of which you sent me a copy, has excited your suspicion from the circumstance that it does not exhibit that regular and uniform deficit, between the value of the ingots delivered and that of the coins and clippings returned, which would occur from actual and bonâ fide wastage, under careful management, but shows an unaccountable fluctuation in the wastage of the different coinages, and a loss in some that is impossible to have occurred from necessary wastage."

I have shown this statement to our former and present Chief Coiners, Mr. Eckfeldt and Mr. Peale, and they concur in the opinion that no such inference can be drawn from the irregularity in the reported monthly deficits. — It very often happens that, as the monthly return is not a settlement, part of the gold is not delivered. For example, after the planchets are cut from the strips, the clippings are delivered, — then the coins made of the planchets are delivered; and it would seem as if these two should be together equal to the ingots less the wastage, but it often happens that some of the planchets are too light, and thus they lie over until the next delivery of clippings. Something of this kind must have occurred, with your Coiner's in Feb. & March; for in the first of these months there was a deficit of 18.800 oz., and in the second an excess of 5.906 oz. — Besides, the filings are not delivered monthly, and their amounts may be very unequal; for if the planchets should be of exact weight these

would be no filings, and if they should be much over weight, the amount of filings might be excessive.

On the whole, then, I do not think that any suspicion can be justly founded on the irregularity of the monthly deficits in Mr. Bolton's accounts. It is their large amount that is the true ground of uneasiness.

~~Your cre~~ The course you have taken for the settlement of Mr. Bolton's account ~~has my~~ appears to me to be judicious; and I do not see that any further step can be now taken, except ~~to~~ that of increased vigilance. I strongly recommend that Mr. Bolton's account be settled at least quarterly, beginning with the end of March. There can be no inconvenience in this, and it will greatly increase ~~the~~ his security, ~~both for him and~~ as well as that of the Mint.

R. M. P.

Dr

To/

B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

P.S.— ~~I regret that you did not send me one of your blank certificates as a guide to the Printer in~~ I notice your request for a supply of "Bullion certificates" to be printed here. As it is desirable that they sh'd be uniform, I have to request that you will send me one of your present ~~blank~~ certificates as a guide to the printer.

To/ B. S. Gaither,
Supt. &c.
Charlotte, N.C.

Feb. 16, 1842.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 22d Feby 1842

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 9th Inst acknowledging the receipt of the Coin reserved at this Mint for the annual assay, and reporting the correctness of the assay slips from Melt No 1.

In executing the Coin from that Melt, we found the die so defective that it defaced the Coin, and I declined issuing them, but rec'd them from the Coiner as clippings — I must request that you cause to be forwarded as soon as convenient another Quarter & Half Eagle head. The Quarter Eagle head is too much defaced to be used again, and I fear our supply of half Eagle heads will not be sufficient for the year.

I enclose you an assay slip from Melt No 2. reported fineness .900 weight $\frac{120}{100}$ths of an Oz value $2.23.

I likewise enclose you a requisition for articles from the Assayer which I hope you will have forwarded to U. S. Chambers Charleston.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt

B. S Gantlett
Supt &c

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Over.

Assayer Melter & Refiner's Office
U. S. Br. Mint Charlotte N.C. 19th Feby '42

B. S. Gaither Esqr
Supt &c

Sir

I shall require One carboy pure nitric acid for assays. Two Hydrometers for strong acid – the last sent being broken in carriage – Some circular bricks for the Melters furnaces – those sent being all square.

We will also want 12 lbs of corrosive sublimate.

The Workmen report to me that several of the pot covers lately received have been annealed, and that they appear of bad quality generally.

I am very respectfully
(signed) J. H. Gibbon

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Treas. U. S. Charlotte, Dahlonega &c.

Dec. 22. } 1842.

Rec'd " 28. }

Mint of the United States,
Feb. 24, 1842

Sir,

I received yesterday from C. Dewey, Esq, Cashier of the Bank of the State of N. Carolina, his check ~~for~~ upon the Farmers' & Mechanics' Bank of this city, for One hundred and forty six 76/100 dollars, ($146.76.) This amount I have placed to your credit.

The slips received from your Mint from Melts of 1841 amounted to 1.730 g. Value $32.19
Your assay-coins " " 13.975 " " 260.-
Total 15.705 " " $292.19,
with which amount I have credited your account under date of Feb. 17th.

R. M. P.
L.

Col
B. S. Gaither, Esq,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

To/

B. S. Gaither, Esq
Supt. &c.
Charlotte,

Feb. 24. 1842.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 25 Feby 1842

Sir

I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of yours of the 15th & 18 Inst, and herewith enclose you one of our present Bullion certificates as a guide for the Printer. I hope you will have them forwarded as soon as convenient as we have nearly exhausted our supply.

I requested Mr. Dewey Cashr. of the Bank at Raleigh to forward you a check for a small amount, that I had on deposite in that Bank, which with the assay coins and assay slips, will I hope be sufficient to pay all the liabilities of this Mint in your City, until I can have an opportunity of sending you additional funds.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
B. S Gantt
Supt

&c
Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. &c.
Charlotte.
Feb. 25. 1842.
Rec'd Mar. 3. "

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 1 March 1842.

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing the paper marked A. showing the operations of this Branch of the Mint during the Month of February, which exhibits the quantity and Kinds of Gold Bullion received and the Amount of Coins executed in that month.

All deposites have been promptly assayed, and results satisfactory (I believe) to Depositors.

very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
B. S. Gaither
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/

B. S. Gaither, Esq.,

Supt. &c. &c.

Charlotte.

March 1. 1842.

Recd " 12. "

February Report.

Mint of the U. States,
March, 2, 1842.

Sir,

Your letter of the 22d. Ult., enclosing a slip from Melt No. 2, was duly received. The assay of this slip by Mr. Eckfeldt proves its fineness to be 900, as found by Dr. Gibbon.

Your request for dies and other articles will be attended to.

R. M. P.
D.

To/
B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/

B. S. Gaither,
Supt. &c.
Charlotte.

March 2, 1842.

March 1842

Statement of the Deposites and Coinage at the Charlotte Branch Mint, in the Month of February 1842.

Deposites

Kind of Deposites	Weight before Melting	Weight after Melting	Stan.d Weight Ozs. decs.	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions
Amalgam	10. 08	9. 17	8. 272	153. 90	153. 90
Bars	19. 51	19. 46	20. 879	388. 45	388. 45
Amalgam	20. 92	20 62	21. 123	392. 99	392. 99
Amalgam + Pieces	5. 36	5. 10	5. 371	99. 92	99. 92
Grains + Dust	5. 99	5. 79	5. 501	102. 35	102. 35
Amalgam + Bar	29. 42	29. 01	30. 943	575. 68	575. 68
Bars	25. 03	24 85	26. 314	489. 56	489. 56
Bar	14. 63	14. 63	15. 717	292. 40	292. 40
Pieces + grains	7. 78	7. 75	7. 498	139. 50	139. 50
Bar	12. 57	12. 55	13. 246	246. 42	246. 42
Amalgam + grains	7. 31	6. 83	6. 745	125. 50	125. 50
Amalgam	133. 90	128. 18	123. 352	2. 294. 92.	2. 294. 92
Bar + grains	14. 30	14. 22	15. 104	281. 00	281. 00
Bars.	16. 40	16. 40	14. 487	269. 53.	269 53
Bar	8. 96	8. 96	6. 827	127. 01	127. 01
Grains	26. 30	25. 95	28. 082	522. 46	522. 46
Grains + Amalgam	13. 30	12. 86	13. 887	258. 36	258. 36
Amalgam	13. 07	12. 55	12. 813	238. 38	238. 38
Amalgam	13. 40	13. 25	13. 734	255. 52	255. 52
Bar Pieces + Amalgam	16. 51	16. 41	17. 008	316. 42	316. 42
Bars.	8. 35	8. 35	7. 958	148. 05.	148 05
	423. 09.	412. 89	414. 861	7. 818. 32	7. 818. 32

Coinage

	Denomination	No of Pieces	Value Dolrs. Cts
1842.			
Febry 25.	Half Eagles	2. 555.	12. 775.
		2. 555.	12. 775.

Branch Mint U States
Charlotte No C 16th March 1842

Sir

I have the pleasure of enclosing you an assay slip from Mill No 3, reported fineness 899-5, weight $\frac{120}{1000}$, value $2.23

Your ob
Servant
B. S Gaither
Superintendent

To

Dr R M Patterson

Director of the Mint Philadelphia

From

B. S. Gaither,
Asst. &c.
Charlotte.
March 16. 1842.
Rec'd " 24. "

Mint U.S. — March 26/42.

Sir,

The slip from Melt. No. 3, sent in your letter of the 16th inst., has been tested by our Assayer, and the fineness found to be but 898.5, instead of 899.5 as reported. The assay was repeated three times.

Your Mint certificates are prepared, and will be sent to you by Mr. Reese.

The three bars of metal brought by Mr. Reese from you were found to yield 347 ~~lb~~ of fine silver. Gross weight 117.90 oz., Standard weight 46.00 oz., whole value $53.52; Net value, after deducting ~~x~~.52 cts for refining $53.00. This amount has been delivered to Mr. Michael Reese, to be conveyed to you.

Please to inform Dr. Gibbon that his specimen of sweep, brought on by Mr. Reese, has been carefully assayed, and it has been found that ~~One~~

One Cwt.	will yield of gold	7.22 dwt. gr. ~~dwts~~	= $7.38
"	"	silver 30.~~#~~6 "	1.76
		Total value ~~#~~ Cwt.	$9.14

Now as the cost of smelting, at New York, would be not less than $7.50, and as the balance would probably not do much, if any thing more, than pay expenses of transportation &c., it does not seem

that the sweep is sufficiently rich to justify its being forwarded to New York.

R. M. P.

Dall.

To/

B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

B. S. Gaither,

Supt. W. & W.

Charlotte.

March 26. 1862.

Statement of the Deposites and Coinage of Gold Bullion at the Charlotte Branch Mint in the Month of March 1842.

Deposites.

Date. 1842	Kinds of Deposites	Weight after Melting	Stan.d Weight Ozs. decs.	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions
March	Bars & pieces	8. 95	7. 523	139. 96	139. 96
	Bars	41. 11	36. 379	676. 81	676. 81
	Pieces	4. 12	4. 403	81. 91	81. 91
	Amalgam	10. 22	10. 377	193. 06	193. 06
	Bars & Amalgam	29. 45	26. 235	488. 09	488. 09
	Amalgam	9. 06	9. 844	183. 14	183. 14
	Bars	42. 38	34. 161	635. 56	630. 36
	Bars	21. 25	19. 483	362. 47	362. 47
	Pieces grains & bar	11. 01	10. 671	198. 52	198. 52
	Amalgam bars & grains	176 11	171. 668	3. 193. 81	3. 193. 81
	Bar.	4. 74	4. 412	82. 07	82. 07
	Bar	3. 92	3. 614	67. 24	67. 24
	Amalgam	10. 80	11. 280	209. 86	209. 86
	Amalgam	5. 28	4. 810	89. 49	89. 49
	Amalgam	16. 50	17. 216	320. 29	320. 29
	Bars & Amalgam	7. 86	8. 085	150. 42	150. 42
	Bar	6. 17	6. 284	116. 91	116. 91
	Amalgam	209. 90	199. 961	3. 720. 20	3. 720. 20
	Amalgam	156. 55	147. 378	2. 741. 90	2. 741. 90
	Bar & pieces	33. 95	27. 724	515. 80	510. 78
	Bars & grains	11. 32	9. 928	184. 70	184 70
	Pieces	5. 37	5. 195	95. 65	95. 65
		826. 02	776. 631	14448. 86	14. 438. 64

Coinage

Date 1842	Denomination	Number of Pieces	Values
March	Half Eagles	2. 040.	10. 200.
		2. 040.	10. 200.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 1 April 1842.

Sir

I have the honor to report the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of March. The paper marked A, exhibits the various Kinds, amount, and value of the Bullion recd during the Month and likewise the amount of Coin executed and number of pieces.

All deposites have been assayed promptly by the Assayer, and nothing has occurred in his department that requires any remarks.

This being the end of the first Quarter of this year, I have attended to your suggestion relative to the Quarterly settlement of the Coiners a/cs. During this Quarter, I, as Treasurer have delivered to the Coiner in Standard Ingots 2.795.860 Ounces and have received from him in Coin and Clippings 2.792.283 Ounces, leaving a balance against him of 3.577 Ozs, which though larger than is desireable, yet is within the legal limit. ($66.55) (=1.28 ~~[illegible]~~)

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt through the Secretary of the Treasury, of One Half and One Quarter Eagle Head Die, since my last communication.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
B. S. Gaither

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

B. S. Gaither,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Charlotte.
April 1. 1842.
Rec'd " 7. "

(March Report.)

April 1842

Mint U.S.
April 7th, 1842.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst., with the report of the operations of your Mint for the month of March.

Your settlement of the Coiner's account, for the first quarter of the year, shows a wastage, within the verge of the law; indeed, but yet ~~far from satisfactory. I am quite confident, that, with proper care, the amount may be kept much lower~~ not such as ought to satisfy either the Coiner or yourself. At this Mint, the deliveries of gold made to the Chief Coiner, during the quarter ending Ap. 1, amounted to 14,225.200 oz., and the wastage to only 2.990 oz., being 0.21 ~~M~~, while ~~you~~ the wastage at your Mint was 1.28 ~~M~~ or more than six times as great. I do not expect your Coiner to reach to this extent of economy, but ~~you~~ he may certainly approach much nearer to it than at present, by proper care and vigilance.

R. M. P.
Dr.

To
B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To

B. S. Gardner

Supt. &c.

Charlotte.

April 7. 1842.

Mint U. S.

Apr. 9th, 1842.

Sir,

I take the liberty of sending you, by to-day's mail, a roll, directed on the inner envelope to the Charlotte Branch Mint, which I beg that you will forward under your frank. The roll contains a few sheets of Blank Mint Certificates, of which the Charlotte Branch is in immediate need, ~~and I have written in vain~~ The remaining blanks I ~~have sent~~ shall send, with other articles by the way of Charleston.

R. M. P.

Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treasury.

To Sec. of Treasury.
Apr. 9/42.

Charlotte

April 1842.

U. S. Branch Mint

Charlotte N.C. 12 April 1842.

Sir

I have the honor of inclosing an assay slip from Melt No 4 of Gold Ingots – reported fineness .899 weight $\frac{30}{100}$ths value $3. 41 –

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

B. S Gaither

Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

From

B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.
Apr. 12/42

Rec'd 18th.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 15 April 1842.

Sir

In my letter of the 22.d Febry last I requested you would have forwarded One Carboy of pure nitric acid for the purposes of assay, and have not yet received the same or learned whether it has been sent.

Our supply is so nearly exhausted that I fear we will have to suspend operations unless we receive the same in a few days. All that we have is a small remnant of a carboy, which Dr. Gibbon is unwilling to rely upon since the discrepancy between himself & Mr. Eckfeldt in assay of Melt No 3. Please have a carboy forwarded immediately to R. S. Chambers Charleston, and if possible send us a small quantity by Mr. Robert Shaw of this place, who is now in your City and can be found at Mr. John Ricards, who I am informed is now in your Mint.

As the difference between Mr. Eckfeldt and Dr. Gibbon is so great in the assay of Melt No 3, I hope you will report the assay from Melt No 4 as soon as possible.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
B. S. Gaither

Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

B. S. Gaither
Supt. &c. &c.
Charlotte.
April 15. 1842.
Rec'd " 21. "

Mint of the United States,
April 21, 1842.

Sir,

The slip from your mill No. 4, enclosed in your letter of the 12th, has been assayed by Mr. Eckfeldt, and found to be 898.8 fine.

We shipped on the 9th inst. to Mr. J. S. Chambers per Sch. Driver, for your Mint, 1 bbl. pot-covers, 1 box containing corrosive sublimate & 2 Hydrometers, 1 box containing Mint certificates, 1 box Fire-bricks, 1 box sand crucibles, & 1 carboy pure acid; & I have requested Mr. Chambers to forward them without delay. On the same day, I sent, under the frank of the Sec. of Treasury, a package of your certificates to meet your immediate wants. We expected to send them all in this way, or they would have been bound.

Very resp.
Yours
R. M. P.
D.

To/
~~Mr~~
B. S. Gaither,
Sup. &c.
Charlotte.

P.S. Your letter of the 15th inst was rec'd. this morning. You will see that Mr. Eckfeldt's assay corresponds within 1/5 of ~~M~~ with that reported by Dr. Gibbon; so that I think the acid now in his possession may still be used with confidence.

To/

B. S. Gaither,
Supt. &c.
Charlotte.

April 21. 1842.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 29 April 1842,

Sir

I herewith enclose an assay slip from Melt No. 5 of Gold Ingots - reported fineness .899 5/ weight 100/1000 ths of an Ozs value $1.86. which I wish you would have assayed as soon as convenient, and report the fineness.

We have not received the acid you last forwarded from your City, and the variation between Dr Gibbon & Mr Eckfeldt in the two last melts induces Dr Gibbon to fear that there may be something the matter with the acid he is using. I did not issue the Coin from Melt No. 4 until I received your report verifying the accuracy of the same.

The articles you have forwarded including the acid, have arrived at Charleston, and are now upon the road to this place. Dr Gibbon informs me that he needs a supply of copper bars for alloy, which I must trouble you to have sent.

I should be pleased to know what disposition we should make with our "Sweeps". Dr Gibbon sent you a specimen from them, and from the value of that specimen, it is apparent that the Sweeps will not bear transportation and the expenses of smelting &c.c.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
B. S. Gaither
Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

B. S. Gaither,

Supt. &c. &c.

Charlotte, N.C.

April 29.
Recd. May 4. } 1842.

May 1842

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 3d. May 1842.

Sir

I have the honor of reporting the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of April, in which there has been received more Gold Bullion for Coinage, than in any one Month previous, since this Branch has been in operation.

The paper A, exhibits the various kinds and value of Bullion rec.d and the number of pieces and valeue of the Coin executed during the Month.

In the department of the Assayer, Melter & Refiner all assays of deposites have been made promptly, and so far as I am informed satisfactorily. A large melt of Ingots has been delivered to the Coiner, who is now engaged converting them into Coin — an assay slip from which was forwarded to you on 29 Ulto.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
B. S Gaither
Superintendt

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
May 3, 1842
Rec'd " 9. "
(Mint Reports)

Statement of the Deposites and Coinages of Gold Bullion at the United States Branch Mint in Charlotte N.C. in the Month of April 1842.

1842.	Descriptions of Bullion	Weight after Melting	Stand. Weight Ozs.	Stand. Weight Decs.	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions
April	Amalgam	16.49	17.	111.	318.34	318.34
	Bars & buttons	7.24	6.	893	128.25	128.25
	Bar & pieces	49.65	53.	290	991.44	991.44
	Bars	27.12	23.	084	429.47	429.47
	Do	6.70	5.	881	109.41	109.41
	Do	30.09	25.	861	481.14	481.14
	Amalgam	5.33	5.	701	106.06	106.06
	Amalgam & Bars	45.18	47.	142	877.05	877.05
	Bars	569.53	567.	436	10.556.95	10.556.95
	Pieces & Amalgam	5.42	5.	455	101.49	101.49
	Amalgam	109.47	106.	020	1.972.47	1.972.47
	Do	5.70	5.	908	109.92	109.92
	Bars & Amalgam	5.19	5.	257	97.80	97.80
	Bar	6.11	5.	905	109.86	109.86
	Amalgam & buttons	4.77	5.	075	94.42	94.42
	Amalgam	6.38	6.	931	128.95	128.95
	Do	6.83	7.	147	132.97	132.97
	Bars	30.82	26.	689	496.55	496.55
	Bars & Amalgam	47.47	49.	781	926.15	926.15
	Amalgam & pieces	12.19	12.	635	235.07	235.07
	Amalgam	5.50	5.	316	98.90	98.90
	Bar	5.30	4.	386	81.60	81.60
	Amalgam & Bars	27.16	25.	095	466.89	466.89
	Amalgam	66.99	64.	663	1.203.03	1.203.03
	Amalgam & Grains	204.59	196.	302.	3.652.12.	3.652.12
	Bar	5.56	5.	144	95.70	95.70
	Do	12.28	8.	840	164.47	164.47
	Bars & Amalgam	93.84	81.	397	1.514.35	1.502.50
	Bar	7.10	6.	247	116.22	116.22
	Bars pieces & Amalgam	43.43	45.	704	850.30	850.30
	Amalgam	39.04	40	341.	750.53	750.53
	Bar	11.19	10.	504	195.42	195.42
		1.519.66	1.483.	141.	27.593.29	27.581.44

1842.	Denomination of Coins	No. of Pieces	Value
April	Half Eagles.	1.640.	8.200.—

Mint U.S.
May 6, '42

Sir,

The slip from your melt No. 5, received yesterday, has been assayed by Mr. Eckfeldt, who reports it to be 899.7 ~~th~~ fine.

R. M. P.
D.

To/
B. S. Gaither,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

To

B. S. Gaither, Esq,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

May 6, 1842

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 10 May 1842

Sir

I herewith inclose you an assay slip from Melt No 6 of Gold Ingots reported fineness .900 weight $\frac{100}{100}$ths value $1.86.

I acknowledge the receipt of 1 Carboy pure nitric acid 1 Bbl pot covers, 1 box sand crucibles (16 nests) 12 lbs corrosive sublimate and 2 Hydrometers, all of which came safely and very opportunely to hand.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
B. S Gaither
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Treas'y

B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

May 10. 1842
Rec'd " 16. "

United States Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C. 17 May 1842

Dear Sir,

I desire my Son John Gibbon to present himself to you on his way to West Point — I perceive the name of D. G. Leiper among the list of cadets — if he is the Son of Isaac or George my old Schoolmates will you be so kind as to make John known to him —

Believe me my respectfully

Yours

J. H. Gibbon

Dr. R. M. Patterson.
U.S. Mint
Phila Pa

Finney

Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon
U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte.

May 17/42

Rec'd 25 ℔.

Mint of the United States,
May 27. 1842.

Sir

The slip from your Melt No. 6, received on the 16th inst., has been assayed & reported to be of the fineness of 900.

We sent to you, on the 12th inst., via Charleston, a bundle of Copper bolts for alloy.

In answer to ~~your~~ the question proposed in your letter of the 29th ult., as to your sweep, I have only to state that inasmuch as it is ascertained that it is too poor to bear the expense of smelting, it can only be looked upon as a valueless refuse, and treated accordingly. I would not, however, leave it to be ~~wasted a~~ destroyed, without the consent of Dr. Gibbon, who ought to be satisfied that it cannot be employed for the purpose of reducing his wastage account.

R. M. P.
Dr.

B. S. Gauthier, Esqr.
Supt. &c.
Charlotte.

Do/

B. S. Gaither,
Supt. &c.
Charlotte.

May 28. 1842.

Statement of the Deposites and Coinage of Gold Bullion at the U. S. Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of May 1842.

Date 1842	Kind of Deposites	Weight after Melting	Stand. Weight Ozs. dec.	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions
May 1.	Bars	7. 39	7. 422	138. 08	138. 08
	Amalgam & Bar	5. 85	4. 582	85. 25	85. 25
	Pieces	7. 60	5. 893	109. 64	109. 64
	Bar	5. 55	4. 518	84. 05	84. 05
	Amalgam	5. 01	5. 276	98. 16	98. 16
	Bar & Amalgam	6. 02	5. 637	104. 87	104. 87
	Bars	5. 09	4. 885	90. 88	90. 88
	Bars pieces & Amalgam	13. 88	14. 742	274. 27	274. 27
	Amalgam, Bars & pieces	21. 54	21. 515	400. 28	400. 28
	Amalgam	15. 32	15. 667	291. 47	291. 47
	Bars	62. 96	65. 756	1. 223. 37	1. 223. 37
	Bar	61. 91	51. 796	963. 65	954. 47.
	Amalgam & pieces	20. 80	21. 493	399. 87	399. 87
	Amalgam	9. 12	9. 301	173. 04	173. 04
	Bar	10. 86	9. 796	182. 25	182. 25
	Amalgam & pieces	8. 85	9. 114	169. 56	169. 56
	Grains & Bars	31. 89	30. 698	571. 13	571. 13
	Amalgam & pieces	16. 06	16. 237	302. 08	302. 08
	Bars.	56. 15	47. 102.	876. 32	867. 97
	Amalgam	107. 28	102. 296	1. 903. 18	1. 903. 18
	Do.	102. 64	99. 046	1. 842. 70	1. 842. 70
	Do.	193. 00	184 342.	3. 429. 60	3. 429. 60
	Bar.	12. 25	11. 636	216. 48	216. 48
		787. 02.	748. 750	13. 930. 18.	13. 912. 65.

Date 1842	Denomination	No. of pieces	Value Dolls.	Cts.
May 7	Half Eagles	3. 294	16. 470	
18	Do.	2. 366	11. 830.	
		5. 660.	28. 300.	—

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. 2 June 1842

Sir

I have the pleasure to report the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of May, which is fully exhibited by the paper marked A.

I herewith enclose you an assay slip from Melt No. 7 of Gold Bgots, reported fineness .899 weight $\frac{960}{1000}$ ths of an Ounce value $1.11. —

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
B. S. Gaither
Supt Mint

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/

B. S. Gaither

Supt. &c.

Charlotte, N.C.

June 2. 1842

Rec'd " 8. "

(May Report.)

June 1842

United States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 4 June 1842

Sir,

After the death of Mr Bolton's son - the Coiner invited me to take another workman into my appointments - After consultation with Mr Gaither I selected Alexander Robertson as the most useful one I could employ. During the month of April Robertson told me he expected to be called upon to attend to some partnership business in which he was engaged before entering into my employ - and proposed in order to compensate for the time thus occupied - to work at extra hours in any manner I might think important. I acceded to his proposition & he was placed in the refinery before & after the hours of work as well as during them - to distil acid for Cepays - also to repair the water pipes & do various blacksmith work. He repaired the tools of the melting room & the sand battles in the refinery by having permission from the Coiner to use the blacksmiths Shop after hours - besides aiding in all the ordinary work. Being satisfied that he had in good faith fully compensated for the last time to the United States I signed his certificates for full months wages although he was within the prison limits during 3 working days in April & 2 days in May.

Robinson is not involved in his affairs - but after the failure of his partner offered to pay one half of all their mutual obligations in order to be relieved before security until than terms were acceded to. His situation is considered an unfortunate but not a disgraceful one.

Mr. Gaither has suggested that I should ask your opinion of the propriety of allowing for his extra work as a mechanic, in order to make up for the lost time, under their circumstances.

You will observe that our receipts during the last months have been large.

What is to be done with the seven barrells of sweeps remaining from the last year?

I am charged with them again this year. although they contain too little gold to authorize their transportation for smelting.

Should not their contents be credited to my bullion account and charged to Profit & Loss?

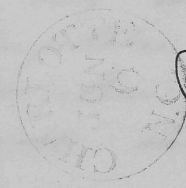
I remain very respectfully
Your Ob't Sv't

J. H. Gibbon.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint

From
Dr. John H. Gibbon,
Assayer & Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
June 4, 1842.
Rec'd " 10. "

Dr. R. M. Patterson.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.



Mint U.S.

June 11th, 1842.

Sir,

Your letter of the 2d inst., with the report of your operations for May, has been duly received. I am glad to see that you continue to do so satisfactory a business.

Mr. Eckfeldt has tested the slip from your melt No. 7, and finds it 899.5 ~~Ms~~.

Let me call your attention to the defective condition of the milling of your coins. The grooves on the edge look as if they had been made with a file. I know that they have been refused on suspicion of being counterfeit, on this account; and yesterday we had four quarter eagles brought to the Mint for the purpose of learning from us whether they could be legitimate coins.

I have received, this morning, a letter from Dr. Gibbon, in which he lays before me what seems to be a very plain case. It appears that Mr. Alexander Robertson, a workman attached to his department after having done overwork to the amount of four days wages, was detained from the Mint for a certain number of days, and ~~he asked~~ under these circumstances Dr. Gibbon made a commutation by signing certificates for a full months wages. Now, for every day that Mr. Robertson was absent his

wages must be deducted; and for the actual work done in our homes, he may be allowed wages in proportion to this time.

I am not in general pleased with the practice of ~~making~~ allowing the men to work in our homes. It generally gives rise to an unnecessary charge upon the Mint. By proper attention, on the part of the officers, I am confident that hours enough can be found, within the working-day, for any extra jobs that may be called for.

Dr. Gibbons calls my attention again to the subject of his ~~sweep~~ seven barrels of sweeps, stating that he was "charged with them again this year, although they contain too little gold to authorize their transportation for smelting"; and he asks whether their contents should not be credited to his bullion account, and charged to Profit & Loss." I would answer this question by stating that such seems to be the only true way of settling this account. If it had been known, when Mr. Gibbons' wastage account for 1841 was settled, that this sweep was ~~virtually~~ of no available value, he would have had a just claim for wastage to this amount. It is now

ascertained that, on a mistaken ~~supposition~~ valuation of the Sweeps, it was received as so much bullion in making up the account, whereas all the bullion contained in it is now ascertained to be virtually lost. I see no objection then to the course he proposes, except that it opens the postage account already settled. I would therefore suggest that it should be deferred until the next settlement, — when, as you cannot receive the Sweeps as bullion, the deficiency will be made up by the allowance for postage.

P. M. P.

B. S. Gaither, Esq
Sup. Bo. Mint
Charlotte, N. C.

To/

B. S. Gaither,

Supt. Br. Mint,

Charlotte,

June 10. 1842.

H R

June 13th – 1842

Dr. Robt Patterson

I am informed that the Branch Mint at Charlotte N C is not permitted to receive less than one hundred dollars worth of Gold on deposite to be coined from one person. I desire that that Branch shall receive a smaller value; say as low as thirty Dollars – will you please to inform me whether the $100 value or quantity is fixed by Law or a regulation of the Mint: and if any inconvenience would result from reducing the quantity

Respectfully James Graham

(From) Hon. Jas. Graham,
Sto. Reps.
Washington.
June 13. 1842.
Recd. " 15. "

Hon Jas Graham
Md

Dr Robt Patterson U S M
Philadelphia
Pa

WASHINGTON D.C.
JUN 13

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca 17 June 1842.

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing an assay slip from Melt No 8 of Gold Ingots deposited fineness .899 5/ weight $\frac{050 \text{ lbs}}{1000}$ value $0.93.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
B. S. Gaither
Supt Br. Mint

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/

B. S. Gaither,
Supt. &c.
Charlotte.
June 17. 1842
Rec'd " 23. "

Mint of the U. States,
June 27. 1842.

Sir,

Mr. Eckfeldt finds the title of the slip from Melt No. 8, transmitted in your letter of the 17th, to be 899.5 ~~M~~.

Very res—

R. M. P.
(Director-

(To)

B. S. Gaither, Esq,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Do/

B. S. Gaither,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

June 27. 1842.

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
June 30th 1842

Sir

Herewith I sends you a Copy of the Balance Sheet, 1st Quarter 1842 Charlotte Branch Mint, Calling your attention to the last Credit, "Melter & Refiners a/c of Silver purchased for the refinery and accumulated from deposites of Golds Bullion" asking your opinion as to the propriety of its being introduced in this way and whether you could not suggest some mode by which it could be avoided. It has occurred to me that you might supply the Charlotte mint with a funds sufficient to pay for the deductions of Silver when the deposite is made and the amt ascertained, and when a quantity of any consequence has accumulated it might be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Philadelphia Mint and there coined. An a/c might be kept between the Treasurers of the two Mints showing the transactions and a Report to that effect made to this Office at the end of each Quarter - I make this suggestion subject to any alteration you may think proper; Done such

arrangement as this much confusion could be avoided. Please give me your views at large respecting this matter as soon as practicable —

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Tully R. Wise
1st Auditor

R. N. Patterson Esq.
Director &c

From Tully R. Rice, Esq.
1st Auditor,
Washington.
June 30. 1842
Rec'd. July 2. "

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.
June 30th 1842.

Sir,

The account of the Melter and Refiner of the Charlotte Branch Mint, for the 4th quarter of 1841, is herewith transmitted to you, for your opinion of the propriety of allowing a credit for sweeps transferred to the Treasurer; instead of the usual charge for Wastage at the end of the Year.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Sot.
J W W Culloch
Comptroller.

Dr: R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

From J. W. McCulloh,
Comptroller Treasury
Washington

June 30. 1842.
Rec'd July 1. "

July
1842

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 30 June 1842.

Sir

I have the honor of reporting the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of June this day ended which is fully exhibited by the paper marked A. showing that we have received during this Month 1.010 056/1000 Ounces Stand. equal in value to $18.791.61. and by reference to my Monthly Reports you will observe that we have received since the 1 January last, an amount of Bullion equal in value to $96.530.01. which is a large increase over former years.

I have the pleasure of acknowledging your favour of the 10th ult. in which you call my attention to the defective milling of our Coins; I addressed a note to Mr. Bolton containing an extract of your remarks upon the subject, and received in explanation the paper marked B, I regret exceedingly the cause of complaint in this matter and hope that Mr. Bolton will be able to remedy the evil before the next Coinage.

In relation to the "Sweeps" - they have been charged to Dr. Gibbon at the value estimated by his assay of the specimen, and no Wastage allowed him in the settlement of his accounts for last year. If we receive them back before the end of this year, we will have to open our accounts, and ask for another allowance for Wastage - Would it not be best to let them remain with Dr. Gibbon until the settlement of his assays and let him have them worked over with the Sweeps of this year. I have no doubt he would realize some gold from them, but if not, Dr. Gibbon would be entitled to a credit for the Amount for which he is charged for these "Sweeps" over and above his ordinary Wastage in his next settlement.

You inform me that you have received "a letter

"from Dr. Gibbon, in which he lays before you what appears to be a very plain
"case. It appears that Mr. Alex.r Robertson, a Workman attached to his department
"after having done over-work to the amount of some days wages, was detained
"from the Mint for a certain number of days, and under these circumstances
"Dr. Gibbon made a commutation, by signing Certificates for a full Months wages.
"Now for every day that Mr Robertson was absent, his Wages must be deducted
"and for the actual work done in over hours, he may be allowed wages in proportion
"to this time: but both must be done in rigor."

I conceive the facts of this case to be at <u>least a shade different</u> from the above, and that I have done that alone which my duty required of me to do, under the actual circumstances. Mr. Robertson was taken upon a capias for debt, and bound for his appearance at our County Court which was holden upon the last week of April, and upon Wednesday of that week it became necessary that he should remain in the custody of the Law, and he gave bond to keep within the <u>prison bounds</u>, which did not extend to the Mint, and consequently he had to be absent from the Mint, during the whole time that he was thus confined. During the latter part of Court week the Month of April terminated, and Mr. Robertson, though absent several days from his duties in the Mint, was paid a full months wages, without any deduction for lost time, and without any thing being said about extra pay for extra hours, due him therefor. Some days after Court and after the termination of the Month of April, Mr. Robertson was released from his Bond, and returned to his duties in the Mint. At the end of the Month of May, I required a deduction of his wages for each day he had been absent, while in the prison bounds in the <u>Month of May</u>. Dr. Gibbon alledged that he had given him permission to attend to his business in Court, (which I was willing to respect) and that he was entitled to extra pay for extra hours. I however declined paying any extra hours, for the reason

that our hands are unemployed for a large portion of their time, and if they will work the ten hours each day that is required of them by the rules of the Mint, there will be no necessity for extra service. Dr. Gibbon gave a Certificate for the full months wages, and required of me that I should honor his official Certificate or make it a personal matter with him. I of course adhered to my original determination, and required the deduction to be made.

Now Sir, if Mr. Robertson had done overwork to the amount of some days wages in the Month of April, previous to his taking the prison bounds, why was it that claim was not made in the Month of April, when I was paying him a full months wages, when in fact he had been absent several days? but at the end of the Month of May, when I required the lost time in that Month to be deducted, why Mr. Robertson had thereto fore done extra work, when in fact the Month of May found Robertson in prison bounds, and the time lost occurred during the first days of May?

If under all the circumstances, you think I ought to pay the extra charge, and will so instruct me specifically, I will carry out your wishes with very great pleasure, but if you concur with me in opinion that it is a matter for my discretion, I unhesitatingly reject the claim for extra pay. I think it manifestly unjust, and would subject myself and this Institution, to the ridicule of all those who know the many unemployed hours that our hands have.

Mr. Robertson has thus far refused to receive any thing for that Month, unless I would pay the whole amount. I think I should remove him forthwith, but will decline doing so, until I hear from you.

I think probably I shall come to Philadelphia in the Month of August or September, and have a personal interview with you relative to this Institution. I think it more than probable that Dr. Gibbon and myself cannot both remain in this Mint, but I will not annoy

you

you any further with these matters.

The paper marked C. is a requisition from Dr. Gibbon for sundry articles for his Department, which you will please to forward with as little delay as possible

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
B. S. Gaither
Supt Br Mint

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

(Copy)

B

U. S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N. Ca 30 June 1842.

Sir

I received a communication from you this morning stating that our Coins have been found to be very defective in the Milling. I was not aware of their being so defective as what has been stated to you.

I have been repairing and overhauling the Milling Machine and the tools for making collars, which I have completed, and have new collars made which I hope will prove the next Coin to be quite satisfactory.

Yours with respect
(signed) John R. Bolton
Coiner

B. S. Gaither Esq
Supt &c.

(Copy)

6.

U. S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N. Ca 30 June 1842.

Sir

Our supplies of zinc for the Refinery and sand crucibles are nearly exhausted – We should have 300 lbs of zinc, and 3 Bbls of sand Pots – leaving out the largest outside pot of the nests, as we seldom use them, and have a number. We require these articles immediately. I also want two sheets of Rusia rolled iron to form into coal pans – the last order for these was filled up by the late Supt. with tin dust pans which are useless for the purpose required.

We would like to have 6 more separating pans without covers – of which we have enough.

One portion of those sent us were of a yellow color others of a bluish cast – the last are good for nothing – the first kind being very durable, and the only kind we want.

It would also be well to forward another carboy of pure acid

I am respectfully
(signed) J. H. Gibbon
Assayer Melter & Refiner

From/ B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

June 30. 1842.

Rec'd. July 6. "

(Ann Reports)

July 1842

B & C

Statement of Deposites of Gold Bullion and Coinage executed at the Branch Mint of the United States at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of June 1842.

Description of Bullion	Weight after Melting	Stand.d Weight Ozs. decs	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions
Bar	9. 94	9. 331	173. 60	173. 60.
Amalgam & Bar	15. 12	15. 544	289. 18	289. 18
Amalgam	35. 28	35. 374	658. 11	658. 11
Amalgam	8. 95	9. 426	175. 36	175. 36
Bar	20. 06	20. 883	388. 52	388. 32.
Amalgam & Bar	13. 48	14. 481	269. 41.	269. 41.
Bar	8. 65	8. 668	161. 26	161. 26
Bars	12. 96	13. 817	257. 06	256. 93
Bar	6. 84	6. 245	116. 18	116. 18
Bar	37. 12	33. 820	629. 21	629. 21
Bars & Amalgam	213. 64	212. 824	3. 959. 51	3. 958. 17
Amalgam	7. 51	8. 243.	153. 36	153. 36
Amalgam & Bars.	67. 87	66. 275	1. 233. 01	1. 233. 01
Bar	8. 90	7. 831	145. 69	145. 69
Bar	5. 65	5. 586	103. 92	103. 92.
Bar	24. 60	20. 281	377. 32	377. 32.
Amalgam	5. 23	5. 420	100. 84	100. 84
Amalgam	9. 56	9. 410	175. 07	175. 07
Amalgam	7. 48	7. 911	147. 18	147. 18
Bar	20. 94	19. 776	367. 92	367. 92
Bar	17. 18	17. 884	332. 72	332. 72
Bar	27. 05	22. 691	422. 16	422. 16
Bar & pieces	5. 41	4. 916	91. 46	91. 46
Bars	14. 80	14. 996	278. 99	278. 99
Bars & Grains	27. 88	29. 826	554 90	554 90
Amalgam	12. 15	11. 946	222. 25	222. 25
Bars.	65. 75	70. 571	1. 312. 95	1. 312. 95
Bar	13. 60	12. 995	241. 77	241. 77
Bars pieces & Amalgam	8. 53	8. 168	151. 96	151. 96
Grains, Bar, & Bechtler's Coin	19. 83	19. 548	363. 68	363. 68
Carried over.	751. 96	744. 687	13. 854. 55	13. 852. 88

Statement of Deposits of Gold Bullion, Continued

Description of Bullion	Weight after Melting	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dwts.	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions
Amount brought forward	751. 96	744.	687	13. 854. 55	13. 852. 88
Amalgam	2. 88	2.	847	52. 96	52. 96
Amalgam & Bars.	27. 32	28.	430	528. 94	528. 94
Amalgam	98. 84	93.	521	1. 739. 90	1. 739. 90
Amalgam	146. 38	140.	571	2. 615. 26	2. 615. 26
	1. 027. 38	1. 010.	056	18. 791. 61	18. 789. 94

Gold Coinage executed

1842.	Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts
June 7	Quarter Eagles	3.738	9.345.	
18.	Half Eagles	2.536	12.680.	
		6.274.	22.025.	

Mint of the United States.
July 1, 1842.

Sir,

The ~~case~~ referred to me in your letter of yesterday had been already placed under my consideration by Dr. Gibbon, and was answered on the supposition that the account had been adjusted at the Department. I therefore advised the superintendent (~~that~~ acting as treasurer) ~~at the next settlement~~ ~~that~~ "that the matter should be deferred until the next settlement, when, as he could not receive the sweep in question as bullion, the deficiency should be made up by the allowance for wastage". As I now learn that the account has not been passed upon by you, it will probably be most advisable that ~~the account be returned~~ it be at once settled, ~~upon the~~ as you suggest, by the usual charge for wastage.

Where been ascertained that the ~~the sweep~~ seven barrels of sweeps valued in this account at $60.80, had been so much reduced by the operations to which they had subjected, it at Charlotte, that the gold remaining would not pay the cost of smelting at New-York; ~~(when this process~~ so that they are in fact now valueless, since it is the net product alone on which the Melter could claim a credit.

R. M. P.

Dr

To J. W. McCulloh, Esq.
Comptroller of the Treasury.

To/

J. R. McCulloh Esq.,
Comptroller &c.
Washington.

July 1. 1842.

Mint U.S. July 11, 1842

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ult., with the satisfactory report of your operations for June.

With regard to the question of A. Gibbon's charges, I have had a correspondence with the Comptroller of the Treasury since I wrote to you, in consequence of his asking my opinion as to the propriety of ~~[illegible]~~ the charge for sweeps instead of for wastage. I referred him to my letter to you of June 10, but explained that the advice there given was under the supposition that your account for the last quarter of 1841 had been adjusted at the Department. It now appears that this is not the case, and I presume that you will receive, or have received, a communication on the subject from the Comptroller, whose instructions you will of course follow.

I have also had a letter from the First Auditor calling my attention to the last credit in your balance sheet for the first quarter of the present year, viz "Melter & Refiner's ℔ of Silver purchased for the Refinery, and accumulated from deposites of Gold Bullion, 1,565.278 oz ——— $1,822.09." He asks my "opinion as to the propriety of its being introduced in this way, and whether I could not suggest some mode by which it could be avoided."

I have answered this query very much at large, by explaining the necessity and the history of your "purchase" of Silver for the parting-process; — ~~of~~ the instructions first given, ~~in~~ Feb 13, 1838, as to the mode of accounting for this silver; — ~~of~~ the objection made by the Comptroller against charging this "material" to the contingent fund; & ~~of~~ the second instructions ~~then~~ given by me, ~~in~~ Nov. 2d, 1839, in consequence of this objection of the Comptroller. — I agreed with the Auditor that the item in question, in your Balance-sheet, was objectionable, inasmuch as it brings the "Melter & Refiner's acct. of Silver" on both sides of the balance-sheet, the amount $1822.09 being part of the debtor item of $3641.40. Finally I recommended a return to ~~the recon~~ my first ~~instructions~~ views, as offering the most unobjectionable ~~mode~~ course that could be pursued in the case. — On this subject I presume that you will also receive instructions from the Department.

Let me now ask from you some information as to the amount of the credit $1822.09. — I know of but two purchases of silver for the refining, viz. of $1000, and of $250; and I therefore first concluded that the remainder, $572.09, was the accumulation from silver in small deposites parted and not reported. But from the report made to

me in Jan. last, I am led to believe that the whole amount of such silver up to March 31, '42, is as only $379.41. (379.41) If this be so, how has the remaining $192.68 accrued? I pray you to explain this to me.

I infer from your account rendered to the Department, that of the $2000 deposited with the Treasurer, for the payment of silver separated from gold deposits, only $181.69 is now in your hands in coins, and that the remainder, $1819.31, is with the Metter & Refiner as silver bullion. This would give too great an accumulation to the latter officer, and leave too little with you. Let me therefore call your attention to my instructions of Nov. 2, 1839, requiring this bullion to be sent to this Mint for coinage.

The view taken in my letter of the 11th ult., as to the question of Mr. Robinson's ~~account~~ wages, agrees, I find, with your own, — including the objection which we both have to working in extra hours, when the regular hours cannot be fully employed. It sometimes happens here, in the Metter & Refiner's department, that the men have to be employed out of the regular Mint hours; but Dr. McClintock follows, in this case, a rule which is unobjectionable. It is that no man shall be allowed for extra hours work, unless he has

worked more than ten hours on the same day. I would recommend that this rule be applied by you in Mr. Robinson's case; and if, under it, he can establish a claim to any offset to his deductions for absence, I would allow it. I see no reason for going further. — Let it be distinctly understood, however, that I do not mean to interfere in this question by any "specific instructions," and that I consider it "a matter for your discretion."

R. M. P.
Director

To
B. S. Garthes, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Duly 11. 1842.

To
B. S. Garthes, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

United States Br. Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 12 July 1842.

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing you an assay slip from Melt No. 9 of Gold Ingots, reported fineness .900 weight $\frac{080}{1000}$ths. value $1.48.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
W. F. Strange Clk.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
Charlotte
by Wm. F. Strange
Clk.

July 12. 1842
Rec'd " 18. "

Mint of the United States,
July 13, 1842.

Sir,

I enclose, herewith, a statement of my account with your Mint, for the quarter just closed, showing a balance in your favor of $31.13.

The purchases for your Mint will render it necessary for you to supply me with more funds; ~~although this will~~ But, and should you send your silver to this Mint as recommended in my letter of the 11th inst., this would be the best use to make of the proceeds, as explained in my letter of Nov. 2. 1839.

R. M. P.
D.

To
B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/

B. S. Gardner,
Supt. &c.
Charlotte.

July 13. 1842.

Mint U.S.

July 25. 42.

Sir,

The slip from your melt No. 9, contained in your letter of the 12 inst., has been assayed by Mr. E. & found to be 899 ~~th~~ fine.

We have shipped this day, for your mint, per Sch. Emma, 3 Bbls. sand cucibles, - 5 plates Spelter, 2 sheets Russia iron, 1 carboy pure Nitric acid.

R. M. P.
per G. F. D.

B. S. Gaither Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

To/

B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

July 25. 1842.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 26 July 1842

Sir

I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the 11 Inst, in which you ask from me information relative to the last credit in my balance sheet with the Treasury Department for the 1 Quarter of 1842, viz. "Metter & Refiners a/c of Silver purchased for the Refinery and accumulations "from Deposites of Gold Bullion 1.565.278 Ozs = $1.822.09".

This is the Amount that was received from the M & Refiner on the 31 Dec.r 1841, and redelivered and charged to him at that date, and originated in this way.

1837	Dec.r	Purchased from the Bank of the State	$1.000.00
1838	March	" " Irwin & Elms	175.00
"	May	" " Do.	17.11
"	Dec.r	" " the Bank of the State	250.00
		accumulations of Silver from 1 Dec.r 37 to 30 Dec.r 1841.	379.49
			$1.821.60

which exhibits the Amount in my balance sheet within forty Nine cents.

In reference to the $2000. deposited with the Treasurer for the fragment of Silver separated from Gold deposited, you are correct in your supposition that the whole of it is in the hands of the Metter & Refiner as Silver Bullion except $180.69 in my possession in Coin. When I came into office I found the greater part of this fund, where it now is, and have been desirous of reducing the Amount in the hands of the M & Refiner, but he alledged that he had not more than was necessary for his operations in the Refinery, and I was disposed to facilitate his operations as much as possible. I will attend to your suggestion and forward you a portion of this fund for Coinage by the earliest safe opportunity

I have received no communication from the Comptroller of the Treasury relative to the "Sweeps", but have, from the First Auditor, asking for the same information, I have given you, concerning the Silver purchased for the Refinery and that from accumulations, which I have answered by giving a statement from the Books, of the several purchases, and the amount of accumulations that I received from the Melter & Refiner upon our last annual settlement

I have the honor to be

Your Obt. Servt

B. S. Gaither

Supt Mint

Dr R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

From/ B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte,
July 26. 1842
Recd. Aug. 1. "

August
1842

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

CHARLOTTE

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – 1842

Branch Mint

Charlotte 30 July 1842

Sir

This day terminates the month of July, and I regret, that I can not forward you by tomorrows mail, a transcript showing the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the past month I can not do so, for the reason, that the Assayer has not reported to me the fineness of several deposits made some days since and it may be several days yet, before I can get them assayed The reason assigned by the Assayer, is that Mr Sims one of his hands, is sick with the fever and that he can not have further assays made, until Mr Sims is sufficiently recovered to do them — I have offered for deposite, this day, upwards of two thousand dollars worth of Gold bullion, but when the depositor was informed of the uncertainty of the time that they would be assayed, they declined leaving them and determined to send them to your City.

The Assayer has in his Department two hands besides Mr Sims and I think should have made the assays and accomodated the depositor

In relation to the matter of extra pay to the Roberts for extra labour, I conceive that my duty to the Government requires, that I should not allow it and since your last communication upon

that subject I have endeavoured, without effect, to get Mr Gibbon to amend his official Certificate so as to show that the deduction for loss time was made by himself and not by me, and upon his refusal I required of Robertson to give me his receipt for his wages subject to the deduction for loss time and he refused to receive any amount unless I pay him the whole and will not sign the ordinary Voucher for my settlement with the Treasury Department. I have kept back my accounts for the last quarter until this time, in order to get this matter arranged and have them Complete. I now send them, showing no payment to Robertson for that month, being the only Course I Could take under the Circumstances.

I have likewise informed Mr Robertson that he may Consider himself dismissed from the employment of the Government from this day — It is painfully impossible for me to get a long in the management of this Mint, if I permit such open acts of insubordination to pass with impunity. I probably shall not fill the vacancy created by the removal of Mr Robertson, until I have the pleasure of seeing you or until I have further Communication with you upon that subject. My reason is, that, from my experience and observation of the business of this Mint, I think that two hands in each department are abundantly sufficient

to perform all the duties required and then have many leisure hours. While my predecessor ~~was~~ remained here Dr Gibbon had but two hands in his department and Mr Botton three. Shortly after I took possession one of Mr Bottons hands died and he consented to let Dr Gibbon have the third hand and I gave the appointment to Mr Robertson

I find that Mr Botton now gets on very well with two hands and Dr Gibbon did get on with two during the first four years and I think we had better try two in each department, at least for a while and thereby retrench our annual expenditure upwards of seven hundred dollars. I am very desirous of sustaining this Institution, but know that it cannot be done, but by accomodation to the deposits and a strict regard to economy in our expenditures

I shall leave in the morning on a visite to my family at my former residence at Morganton, where my family will remain during the unhealthy portion of the season and if I am occasionally absent from my office you will understand the reason

Mr Strange will forward you an exhibit of the operations of this month so soon as he gets the assay of those deposits refered to above

I have the honor
Ob Servt
B. S Gaither
Superintendent

to be Your
To Dr R M Patterson
Director &c

From

B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

July 30. 1842

Rec'd. Aug. 5. "

United States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 30 July 1842

Sir,

With the three distinct apartments under my charge, in each of which, it often happens, one workman is employed — I have found it most convenient for the public service to relinquish the system of extra allowances altogether — without depriving myself of the very proper check of deductions for wilful absence. I do not recollect ever having signed a monthly account containing a charge for extra work to the benefit of my workmen. I have only twice or thrice found it necessary to deduct from their monthly wages. — My men have been at work before & at Sunrise in Summer — and have at times remained till 8 or 9 at night without any extra charge. I have never had the least difficulty with them — although I have, in every case of emergency, called upon them for extra exertions much beyond the ordinary hours — in fact, without reference to hours. In consideration of this, my arrangement with them has been, to sign a certificate for a full months wages — and to give occasional leave of absence for half a day or a day by turns, at leisure time — without detriment to the public service. Our business here is very irregular — when we are

hurried by numerous deposits, the men would gain by the extra allowance — and when we have little to do — they would be entitled to full wages by remaining at the Mint. The plan I have pursued is most economical to the Government in money — as well as in the health of the workmen — in a climate always unhealthful in the summer season — when their domestic expenditures are temporarily largely increased.
Those in the Mint understand distinctly that they are to work extra, if necessary, during the absence or sickness of either of the workmen.
I have regarded the responsibility of these monthly accounts to be our portion of my duty — It is not one I covet — If the Treasurer or the Clerk will keep the account of the absences and of the overwork — I have certainly no objection.
But it appears to me unjust to the workman — as it is unpleasant to the Officer — that payment of a months wages should be refused by the Treasurer after the facts have been certified, and fully explained.
Mr. Robertson has not received from the Treasurer the wages due him for the month of May.
As I am satisfied with the justice of the charge, under the circumstances, I have paid him from my own salary.
A strict account was kept during this month

to satisfy me that the last time was fully compensated for — and an added extra labour. By rigorous calculation of the time Robertson was absent from the Mint — and of the extra work he performed there (hindy full hours work, on the same days the extra charge was made) he was entitled to $5.40 beyond his full months pay. This sum, therefore, I deducted — in consequence of the general rule hitherto adopted — and commuted the whole account by charging a month's wages only, according to my agreement with the men.

The printed monthly certificates which I sign are addressed "to the Director of the Mint" — and appear designed to place the responsibility of the certified amount upon the judgment & discretion of the officer under whose charge the workmen are divided. If I have acted improperly in making the charge for a months wages — I am prepared to recal the voucher — or alter it according to your directions — I look for your support if I have acted correctly — and for its withdrawal if I have erred.

I am very respectfully
Yr. obt. svt.
J. H. Gibbon.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.

From/ Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon,
Assayer Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
July 30. 1842.
Recd. Aug. 5. "

Dr. R. M. Patterson.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Charlotte N.C. 30 July 1842

Sir,

Since I wrote the enclosed letter addressed to you Mr Robertson has handed me a dis'dozi addressed to him by the Superintendant this day.

I have not been consulted in any manner with regard to it - it will subject me to severe animadversion - and I have no knowledge of any cause for such action.

I enclose the note addressed to Robertson and submit the whole matter to you I confess I cannot understand it.

Very respectfully

Your obt Servt

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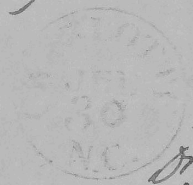

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Dr. R. M. Patterson.

Director of the Mint -

Philadelphia.

Rec'd Aug. 5. '42.

Branch Mint
Charlotte 30th July 1842

Mr Alexander Robertson

You are informed that the Government has no further use for your services in this Branch of the Mint and you will consider yourself dismissed from this day

Yours &c
B. S. Gantt
Superintendent

Mr Alexander Robertson

Charlotte

N C

Rec'd May 3. 42.

(A)

United States Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C. 2 August 1842

Sir,

I regret to take my pen again upon Robertson's affair - but as his discharge by the superintendent was caused solely by his obeying my orders - I have no choice. I will relate what I know of the matter. Mr Gaither had expressed a disposition to invite the younger Bechtler, from Rutherford, to take the place in the Mint vacated by the death of Jeremiah Bolton. This appears to have caused some alarm to Mr Bolton, the Coiner, who, in consequence, proposed that I should take charge of another workman - which you know I have always desired to have. I immediately drove to Morgantown (where Mr Gaither's family resides & where he practices law) during the sitting of the Court - and mentioned my desire to have Robertson - which was at once acceded to. After Mr Gaither's return to Charlotte, he stated that some of his political friends had enquired what changes he had made in the Mint - and were dissatisfied that a democrat had been appointed to the vacancy. I selected Robertson because he is a good workman - an honest man - and had experience in the business of the Mint - and was at the time in want of employment - without reference to his political sentiments - for I take no

part in such discussions — and have urged upon my workmen a similar caution — I decline with success. The Superintendant, however, after his return here questioned Robertson with regard to his politics — and during the time that R. was within the Court limits seemed very much annoyed by the sneers of some idlers about town — who appeared to enjoy his annoyance.

The payment by Mr Strange of a full months wages in April, upon my certificate, during the absence of Mr Gaither, was objected to by him. I therefore took the precaution to know exactly the extra work performed during May in order to shew the effect of the system I pursued. In April Robertson performed as much extra labour as in May — as during both months we were very actively engaged on my side the house. When Mr Gaither refused to honor my certificate for May, I immediately paid Robertson — as he required the money — and directed him to leave the affair entirely to me. When I found you had not been addressed upon the subject, as I expected & proposed, I wrote to you. Since which time Mr Gaither has said nothing to me on the subject. But on the 30 July sent the Clerk to say he wished to forward his vouchers & desired Robertson to sign a receipt which Mr Gaither had written upon my certificate. As this receipt was for a sum less than I had certified — deducting abscess — but making no

allowance for extra work. I mentioned to Mr Strange that I could not allow Robertson to falsify my vouchers, by signing it. That I was writing to you again, & hoped the matter would be settled without further difficulty. In declining to sign the receipt Robertson expressed himself with propriety & respect towards the Superintendants in the person of Mr Strange — as I desired him to do. I had already placed my letter of the same day (explaining my method of settling monthly accounts) in the Post office — when I was surprized to know the discharge of Robertson pronounced to me by him. I took my letter from the Office & in the Office enclosed the discharge with a few lines to explain. I yesterday wrote the enclosed note (marked B) to the Superintendant and received his answer (marked C) To which I reply — that

With respect to my personal interest in Robertsons claim — the view taken by the Superintendant may be illegal — although it is an unjust one. I lent Robertson the money for his requisition, in gold — without interest or abatement — and possess no writing by which I could reclaim it in case of death. I cannot be said to have purchased his claim for I gave him the money without an equivalent — & I anticipated no difficulty after you were informed of the circumstances.

I made myself responsible for no act of another —

Rec. Aug. 7. 42

-denation, nor do I know of any.
I deferred a paying from Saturday, 30 July - till Monday, 1 August, to give my assistant, Mr Ferres, time to recruit from an intermittent fever, according to the advice of the physician who attends him. A sudden change in the weather, cold north wind, & heavy rains - which made every one glad to put on woolen clothing & get by a fire - caused him to remain at home yesterday. I expect to a pay tomorrow - having a payed last week while Ferres was sick & broken him down in the effort to finish a large deposit made by the Superintendant.
Robertson has scarcely recovered from a severe attack of fever - he has the refinery in charge & a large quantity of silver ready for reduction. He is not an efficient aid in the a pay room. Irwin is sick - From the trembling of his hands & other causes he cannot serve me in the a pays.
Rigler, whom I had instructed for such contingencies as the most capable, has the asthma & complains of the effects of the acid upon his lungs - I asked his aid - he declined to assist me & for good cause.
The other hand in the mint is a country blacksmith.
To add to our inconvenience there is serious sickness in the families of all my workmen.

As Mr Saitton is entirely unacquainted with the operations in my apartments – I do not think he has entered them six times since his appointment – you must judge of his competency to decide what services are required by me. You will perceive by the Bankers report that during the last 6 months we have received nearly double the usual amount of Bullion – The Refining has been in constant operation as well as the melting apartments –

This difficulty has not been of my seeking and I have used my endeavour to adjust it. But if I am to have no voice in the selection or discharge of competent workmen into whose hands, without other security than their character, I place all the bullion for which I am responsible to the Government – it would be more agreeable to me to relinquish the situation you invited me to accept – than to retain it.

As I have no communication or knowledge of your Conduct to the change made in my apartments, I hope it will not be considered that I transcend my responsibilities by retaining the services of Robertson, which on at this time appointed – without intending any disrespect to the Superintendent – until I have your directions with regard to his wages and his discharge – as no notice

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was given him according to the understood usages of the Mint.

I am very respectfully

J. H. Gibbons.
Assayer Melter & Refiner

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

A.

(B)

"Copy" United States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 1 August 1842

Sir;

My duty requires that I should address you upon the subject of the discharge of Alexander Robertson.

When payment of his wages for May was objected to, I paid him in full from my own salary — for he needed it — and I supposed the subject in discussion would soon be arranged by the Director. I requested Robertson not to act in any manner contrary to my voucher — In declining, respectfully, to sign a receipt for a less sum than I had certified — he, therefore, acted by my express direction — and I alone am responsible for it. He has never prepared for full pay — He would have been satisfied by any decision. He only abstained from interfering with my duties — by my orders.

With the present condition of my men — all sick — or recovering from sickness — and the general unhealthful character of the season here — it will be impossible for me to attempt to carry on the public service with less aid than I have had. I therefore appeal to your sense of justice not to permit a worthy, capable & distressed

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workman to suffer for my act — nor to allow the public work to be interrupted because we differ in opinion.

I am Sir, with respect &c

J. H. Gibbon.

B. S. Gaither Esq
Superintendant.

(B)

(C)

Branch Mint U. States
Charlotte N. Carolina August 1842

Sir

I have received your letter of this date concerning the removal of Alexander Robertson, in which you inform me, for the first time, that you are personally interested in Robertson's claim for wages in the month of May, having paid him the full amount from your own salary and that you alone, are responsible, for Robertson's acts of insubordination relative to this matter.

You inform me likewise, that Robertson himself has never prefered full pay and that he would have been satisfied with any decision.

I regret that you have seen proper to purchase from one of your hands, a claim against the government, which I, acting as Treasurer, had previously rejected as improper and unjust to the extent you have this, when you admit, that the individual originally interested in the claim was not disposed to press it but to submit to my decision. This disclosure presents a new feature in the controversy but does not change my determination in the matter.

You say that with the present condition of your men, all sick or recovering from sickness, it will be impossible for you to attempt to carry on the public

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service with less aid than you have had-

It is true that Mr Terres has been sick for the last few days, but you have had Robertson & Erwin in your Department and refuse to assay deposites until Mr Terres recovers sufficiently to do them This being the case all the operations of the Mint are suspended until Mr Terres gets well, whether you have Robertson or not and his removal can not prejudice the public service in any way

If you will go on and assay without Mr Terres, I have no doubt Mr Rigler would assist you with pleasure

I do not intend to revoke the dismissal of Robertson, neither do I intend to fill the vacancy created by his removal, until I find the public interest requires it you had but two hands to assist you, while my predecessor Col Wheeler remained here and I think you can get on with two in future and I have so informed the Director at Philadelphia by the last mail

I am Sir with respect &c

B. S Gauthier

Superintendent

To

J H Gibbon Esq

Assayer Mitchell & Refiner

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From
Dr. Geo. W. Gibbes,
Assayer Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

Aug. 2. 1842.
Rec'd. " 7. "

Statement of Deposites of Gold Bullion and Coinage executed at the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of July 1842.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dcs.	Stand.d Weight Ozs.	dcs.	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions
Bars	78.	82	70.	924	1.319.	51
Amalgam	5.	83	6.	088	113.	26
Bar	11.	68	10.	252	190.	73
Do	7.	01	7.	188	133.	73
Amalgam + pieces	3.	92	4.	105	76.	37
Bar. pieces + Amalg.m	19.	20	16.	533	307.	59
Bar	24.	66	20.	850	387.	90
Do	7.	95	6.	765	125.	86
Amalgam	5.	15	5.	365	99.	81
Bar	4.	40	3.	803	70.	75
Amalgam	9.	89	9.	010	167.	63
Bars buttons + 2 Bechlers Coin	11.	87	10.	088	187.	68
Bars	30	57	32.	436	603.	46
Do	34.	80	37.	390	695.	62
Do	4.	78	4.	370	81.	30
Do	13.	37	13.	871	258.	07
Bars + Amalgam	12.	88	12.	931	240.	57
Bar	12.	33	12.	095	225.	02
Amalgam	6.	04	6.	106	113.	60
Amalgam + Bars	51.	56	53.	503	995.	40
Bars.	10	11	10.	693	198.	94
Amalgam	51.	78	47.	675	886.	96
Do	213.	50	202.	038	3.758.	82
Bar	5.	18	5.	568	103.	59
Bars + Amalgam	25.	24	23.	686	440.	66
Bar	14.	93	15.	593	290.	10
Do	9.	48	7.	850	146.	04
Bars + Amalgam.	14.	84	14.	768	274.	75
	701.	77	671.	544.	12.493.	72.

No Deductions

Coinage Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts
1842			
July 16 Half Eagles	1.732.	8.660.	00
	1.732.	8.660.	00

A.

Rec'd. Aug. 12. 42.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 6th August 1842

Sir

I have the honor of reporting the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of July last.

The paper enclosed, marked A, is a statement of the Amount of Bullion received and Coinage executed during the Month: By it you will perceive that we have received 671.544 Ozs Stand. of Bullion, of the value of $12.493.72. and that we have coined in half Eagles Bullion of the value of $ 8.660.00.

I also enclose an assay slip from Melt No 10 of Gold Ingots - reported fineness .900 - weight $\frac{090}{1000}$ths of an Ounce - value $1.67.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
W. J. Mango
WJM

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/

W. F. Strange, Esq
Clerk of Br Court,
Charlotte, N. C.
Aug. 6/42.
Rec'd 12th,

Mint of the United States.
Aug. 8th, 1842.

Sir,

In the course of Mr. Gaither's proceedings in the case of the Asst. Robertson, he informed me fully of the views which he entertained of the matter, & consulted me as to his powers, — and invited instructions" from me to govern his course if I should judge it proper to give them.

I have always taken the ground that the Superintendent of a Branch Mint holds, as to its immediate government, the same position, that the Director holds at this Mint, and I am of opinion that without such the powers and responsibility thus given, the Branch Mints could not be properly conducted. It is true that the Director may interfere, by specific instructions; but this is a power which he can but rarely be called upon to exercise, and which he should use with the greatest precaution. — I accordingly closed my last letter to Mr. Gaither, on this case to Richmond, by the following sentence. "Let it be understood, however, that I do not mean to interfere in this question by any specific instructions, and that I

consider it a matter for your discretion."

From this determination I see no sufficient reason to recede, and I earnestly urge it upon you, in a feeling of sincere friendship, to bring to an immediate close an opposition ~~on your~~ which your ~~cannot~~ legal position as an officer of the Mint ~~does~~ will not enable you to maintain. I have been exceedingly gratified by the apparent improvement in your department under the superintendency of Mr. Gaither, and I anxiously hope that a good understanding between you may be speedily restored.

R. M. P.

To/
Dr. John H. Gibbon,
Assayer of Branch Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

To/
Dr. Jas. H. Cabbon
Br. Mint,
Charlotte,

Aug. 7. 1842

From Charlotte Mint.
Sent Aug. 6 — Rec'd 12th.

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Melt No. 10.
Fineness .900 ——— 899.7
Wt. .090 oz.
Value $1.67

Mint U.S. Aug 12 /42.

Sir,

I received, this morning, from Mr. Strange, under date of 6th inst., the report of your operations for July.

I also received a slip ~~for assay~~ from Melt No. 10, which has been assayed by Mr. Eckfeldt, and found to ~~give~~ be 899.7 ~~Mo~~ fine.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ult., regarding the ~~affair~~ case of Alexander Robertson, in which you have undoubtedly acted according to your legitimate powers.

I anticipate, with pleasure, your promised visit.

R. M. P.

Dr

To/
B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To
B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint
Charlotte, N. C.

Aug. 12/42.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 13th Augt 1842

Sir

Dr Gibbon has today made a requisition for 12 Carboys of nitric acid and a box of cupels.

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have the honor to request that you will cause to be forwarded 12 Carboys of nitric acid at your earliest convenience, and that the cupels may be prepared and forwarded during the Fall.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
M. R. Strange Clk

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From B. S. Gaither,
By W. F. Strange, Clerk
Supt. U.S. Mint
Charlotte.

Aug. 13. 1842.

Rec'd " 20. "

U.S. B. Mint Charlotte N.C.
20 August 1842

Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. Your decision, now first communicated to me, with regard to the powers & responsibilities of the Superintendant is sufficient for my guidance in future. I owe it to Mr Saitter to state, that hitherto the affairs of my apartments have been left entirely under my control — The improvement apparent in them, which you express yourself gratified by — has been caused by the increased power I possessed with three efficient workmen, expressly instructed to carry on the business in my three seperate apartments — simultaneously — with promptitude and in order.

My experience has satisfied me that it is impossible to conduct the duties of my several offices, in a satisfactory manner with the reduction proposed, & I most respectfully protest that it it is calculated seriously to impede the operations under my care.

I am very respectfully
Yr. Obt. Svt. J.H. Gibbon.

From

Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon,

Assayer Br. Mint,

Charlotte.

Aug. 20. 1842

Rec'd " 31. "

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 31 August '42

Sir

I have the pleasure of enclosing you an assay slip from Melt No. 11 of Gold Ingots. reported fineness .899 5/ weight $\frac{180}{1000}$ths of an Ounce – value $1.48.

I have received from the Metter + Refiner Five Hundred and Six and half Ounces of Fine Silver which I expect to send to the Mint for Coinage this week by a Merchant of this place + and when coined you will please place to my credit upon your Books, and I will replace the amount here in my Silver Bullion Fund.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
B. S. Gaither
Superintendent

+ Mr J. H. Orr

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

W. S. Gaither, Esq.,

Supt. N. C. Mint,

Charlotte.

Aug. 30. 1842.

Rec'd Sept. 5. "

September 1842

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 1 Septem.r 1842.

Sir

I herewith enclose you the paper marked A. exhibiting the quantity and Kinds of Gold Bullion received during the Month of August, and the amount of Gold Coinage for the same.

I have likewise the pleasure of informing you that all deposites have been promptly assayed during the Month.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
B. S Gaither
Superintendent

P. S. Dr. Gibbon requests that "Six extra Muffles for Miller's furnace" be sent on at your earliest convenience.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

B. S. Gaither,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte,
Sept. 1. 1842.
Recd. " 7. "

Statement of Deposites of Gold Bullion and Gold Coinage executed at the Charlotte Branch Mint during the Month of August 1842.

Kind of Deposite	Weight after Melting	Stand. Weight Ozs. dec	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions
Bars	12. 41.	12. 892.	239. 85	239. 85
Amalgam	7. 78	7. 458.	138. 75	138. 75
Bars	13. 25	12. 944	240. 82	240. 82
Bars	27. 52	29. 567	550. 08	550. 08
Amalgam & Bars	7. 15	7. 275	135. 35	135. 35
Amalgam	9. 50	10. 048	186. 94	186. 94
Bar & Amalgam	5. 03	5. 001	93. 04	93. 04
Bars	8. 92	8. 383	155. 96	155. 96
Bars	38. 02	40. 850	760. 00	760. 00
Bars	25. 78	27. 525	512. 09	512. 09
Bars	118. 87	99. 321	1. 847. 83.	1. 831. 12
Bars	13. 57	14 082	261. 99	261. 99
Bars & Amalgam	7. 98	7. 536	140. 20	140. 20
Bars	22. 44	24. 302	452. 12	452. 12
Amalgam	3. 12	3. 050	56. 74	56. 74
Amalgam	34. 47	34. 966	650. 53	650. 53
Amalgam	23. 20	21. 524	400. 45	400. 45
Bars	35. 00	31. 002	576. 78	576. 78
Bar	27. 94	23. 283.	433. 17	433. 17.
Bar	10 12	8. 915	165. 86	165. 86
Bars & Amalgam	8. 58	7. 358	136. 89	136. 89
Bar	22. 40	21. 653.	402. 85	402. 85
Amalgam Bars & 1 Bechtlers Coin	18. 73	18. 041	335. 65	335. 65
Amalgam	57. 29	52. 717	980. 76	980. 76
	559. 07	529. 693	9. 854 70	9. 837. 99

Coinage Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value Dolls.	Cts.
1842.			
August 10 Half Eagles	2. 105.	10. 525.	
	2. 105.	10. 525.	

Mint U.S.
Sept. 8th, 1837

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 31st ult. has just been received, with the enclosed check in my favor for $100, advanced here to Jeremiah H. Bolton and John Rigler for their travelling expenses, ~~and~~ but which was properly chargeable to your Branch.

I am happy to learn that your health has been improved by your visit to the Springs, and that you are enabled to be again at your station, at a moment when your presence has become indispensable.

Dr. Gibbon and the three Masons will be with you, no doubt, some time before you receive this; and Mr. Peale will leave here on Monday next, (11th,) and proceed to Charlotte without stopping. He will be accompanied by his daughter, an interesting young lady; and I pray you to ~~[illegible]~~ use your exertions to ~~[illegible]~~ procure a suitable accommodation for them.

I will endeavour to fall upon some device for enabling the Branch Mints

to employ ~~porters & watchmen~~ door-keepers and watchmen, which are certainly indispensable

I am not prepossessed in favor of your putting up a sign of the Eagle in front of your Mint. Pray do not take any steps in the project until you have an opportunity of consulting Mr. Peale upon it.

You and I are, I fear, too firmly bound to the public service here, to indulge ourselves in the hope of getting a furlough for a visit to Europe. Mr. Peale's mission has brought us all the information that we can desire respecting their processes and improvements.

Very faithfully & respectfully
Yours
R. M. P.
Director

(Sig.)
Jno. H. Wheeler Esq.
Superintendent Branch Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sep. 8, '37.

Mint of the United States,
Sept. 16, 1842.

Sir,

The slip ~~cut~~ from Melt No. 11, contained in your letter of Aug. 30, has been assayed by Mr. Eckfeldt & found to be 899.5 ~~M~~ fine, - exactly confirming Dr. Gibbon's assay.

The fine silver, sent by Mr. Ord, came to hand on the 8th inst., and has produced $649.96, as you will see by the enclosed memorandum. This amount I have placed to your credit under date of Sept. 12th.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of your report for August.

We shipped on the 30th ult. per Brig Paul T. Jones, for Charleston, 12 Carboys Nitric Acid for the use of your Mint. The cupels, muffles, &c. will be sent soon.

The Act of Congress of the 26th ult. makes the fiscal year of the Treasury of the United States to commence on the 1st July instead of the 1st January as heretofore. The next Congress will therefore have to make appropriations for the half year ending June 30, 1843, & for the year ending June 30, 1844; & I have been called upon to present estimates accordingly for the Mint & Branches. I will thank you therefore to send me, at your earliest convenience, separate estimates for the two periods as above. In placed

of the usual item "Incidental & Contingent Expenses", you will please to present the three following:

"For Coinage Expenses, including Materials and implements, fuel, repairs, & Wastage of gold, — $ ——

"For House Expenses, including repairs, lighting, & cleaning, —— —— —— $ ——

"For Office Expenses, including Stationery & postage, —— —— —— $

If you have reason to think there will be, at the end of the present year, an available balance of former appropriations, you should take such balance into the account, & let your estimate for the first half of 1843 be proportionally diminished.

R. M. P.
D.

To/
B. S. Gaither, Esq,
Supt. N. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

P.S. The appropriations for your Mint, for 1842, under the heads above named, were:

For Coinage Expns, &c.		$1,200.
" House Expenses, &c.		200.
" Office Expenses, &c.		100.
		$1,500.

To/

B. S. Gaither, Esq.

Supt. Br. Mint.

Charlotte.

Sept. 16, 1842.

Mint U.S.
Sept. 21. 1842.

Dear Sir,

I send enclosed a Memorandum of your deposite made the day before yesterday. The amount was paid, this morning, on your order, to the Phil.a Bank.—

Mr. DuBois requests me to mention that he sent to your address, by Adams's line, the books which you had the kindness to say that you would see to have forwarded to Charlotte.

Yours

R. M. P.
D.

To/
D. W. Stone, Esq.

To/ W. W. Stone, Esq.
New York.

Sept. 21. 1842.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 7th October 1842.

Sir

I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of yours of the 16th ult.o, but was absent when it was received on a visit to my Family, and was detained a few day longer than I had anticipated by the indisposition of one of my Children — You request me to forward estimates for this Mint for the half year ending 30 June 1843. and for the year ending 30 June 1844, which are as follows.

For the half year ending 30 June 1843.

For Salaries of Officers & Clerk	$3.000. 00.
For Compensation of Labourers in the various Department of the Mint	1.750. 00.
	$4.750. 00

For the year ending 30 June 1844.

For Salaries of Officers & Clerk of the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a	$6.000. 00
For Compensation of Labourers in the various Department of the same	3.500. 00
For Coinage expenses, including materials & implements, fuel, repairs & Wastage of Gold	1.200. 00
For House expenses including lighting & cleaning	200. 00
For Office expenses, including Stationary & Postage	100. 00
	$11.000. 00

You will observe that I have asked for no appropriation for Contingent Expenses for the half year ending 30 June 1843, for the reason that I believe, the appropriations heretofore made will be sufficient for the purposes of the

Mint until that period.

The paper marked B, exhibits the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of Septem.r, (which I regret shows a small amount of Bullion received during the Month, which is owing to the extreme unhealthiness of the Mining region, and particularly of this place which persons from a distance have been deterred from visiting in consequence of the number of cases of fever existing,) and the amount of Coinage which has been remarkably well executed.

I think that the present Month will be a large one as we have already received some Six or Seven Thousand Dollars worth of Bullion.

I herewith enclose you an assay slip from Melt No 12 of Gold Ingots, reported fineness .900 5/ weight $\frac{070}{1000}$ths of an Oz Value $1.30.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
B. S. Gardner
Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
Oct. 7. 1842.
Rec'd. " 14. "

(Supt. Report.)
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Estimate for 1843-4

October 1842

Statement of Deposites and Coinage of Gold Bullion at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of September 1842.

Kinds of Deposites	Weight after Melting Ozs.	dees.	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	Dees.	Value before Deductions Dolls.	cts	Value after Deductions Dolls.	cts.
Bar	6.	80	5.	824.	108.	33	108.	33
Bar & Amalgam	5.	42	5.	443	101.	26	101.	26
Bar	3.	82	3.	746	69.	69	69.	69
Bar	18.	61	17.	016	316.	58	316.	58
Bars & Amalgam	29.	37	30.	570	568.	74	568.	74
Amalgam & Bar	7.	10	6.	981	129.	88	129.	88
Amalgam	4.	19	4.	152	77.	25	77.	25
Amalgam	5.	60	4.	884	90.	86	90.	86
Grains	6.	87	7.	113	132.	33	132.	33
Pieces & Amalgam	5.	32	5.	354	99.	61	99.	61
Amalgam	5.	03	5.	074	94.	40	94.	40
Bar	4.	40	3.	911	72.	76	72.	76
D.o	10.	71	10.	994	204.	54	204.	54
D.o	4.	30	4.	371	81.	32	81.	32
D.o	9.	04	9.	008	167.	59	167.	59
D.o	31.	23	26.	024	484.	16	479.	36
D.o	12.	06	10.	223	190.	19	190.	19
D.o	5.	65	5.	165	96.	09	96.	09
Bars, buttons & Amalgam	98.	73	76.	532.	1.423.	84	1.414.	86
Bars & Amalgam	102.	87	109.	101	2.029.	78	2.029.	78
Amalgam	4.	75	4.	290	79.	81	79.	81
Bars, Grains & Amalgam	93.	24	88.	501	1.646.	53.	1.646.	53.
	475.	11	444.	277	8.265.	54	8.251.	76

	Coinage Denomination	No of Pieces	
1842 Sept.r 3.	Quarter Eagles	2.991.	7.477.50
		2.991.	7.477.50.

2.991
2.991
1495.10
7,477.50

Mint of the United States,
Oct. 15. 1842.

Sir,

I send you, herewith, my account for the 3d quarter of 1842, showing a balance ~~in your favor~~ to your credit in my hands, of Six Hundred and thirty nine 55/100 dollars, ($639.55.)

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst., conting your return for September & a slip from your mill No. 12.

This slip is reported by Mr. Eckfeldt to be 900 ‰ fine.

The articles ordered by you will be sent by the first vessel probably in a day or two.

Your returns for 1842-4 are very satisfactory.

R. M. P.
Dr.

B. S. Gardner,
Supt. N. Mint,
Charlotte.

To/

B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
Oct. 15, 1842

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Nov. 2, 1842.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, ~~calling my attention to the quarter dollars~~ with which you send for my examination two quarter dollar pieces, bearing the New Orleans Mint mark, ~~one of which was obtained by~~ received at the Post Office at that place, — and sent thence to the Post Master General under the supposition that one of them was spurious. As their perfect resemblance went to prove that they must both have been coined at the Mint, I do not wonder at the alarm which was caused by the belief that one of them was ~~spurious~~ of base metal. I am happy, however, to have it in my power to remove the painful suspicions which were excited so naturally excited, by announcing that both the pieces are legitimate coins. An examination by the "Sensible test" showed nothing defect suspicious in the doubted piece except that it did not ring when struck. The cause of this defect was made manifest, however, on a careful inspection of the edge of the coin, where a split is perceived quite sufficient to account the

vibration. — ~~I have~~

I have caused both the pieces to be assayed, and they both prove to be somewhat above the legal standard. ~~The unsuspected one proved to be, of the fineness~~ thousandths in fineness 901½, the suspected one 904. They are, both therefore, ~~both~~ above the true standard, which is 900. ~~thousandths~~. The latter, indeed, exceeds the standard by one thousandth more than the limit allowed by law, — a circumstance to which I shall call the attention of the ~~Off~~ proper officers of the New Orleans Branch.

I return the letter of the Post Master, as you desire. I also send back the coins, ~~except~~ with the assay-pieces cut off. In that with the date remaining, you will see the split on the edge, which ~~dea~~ prevented its ringing, and thus gave rise to so much ~~caused all our~~ uneasiness.

I have the honor to be,
with the highest respect,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. P.

To/
~~John Tyler~~
The President of the
United States.

To/ President of the
United States.

Jan. 2, 1842.

The bad piece is 904 fine

The good " 901½

Mr. Robt. Smith.

U. S. Br: Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 4 Novemr. 1842.

Sir

I have the pleasure of reporting the operations of this Branch Mint, during the Month of October, which is fully exhibited by paper marked A. and shows a large increase over the two preceding Months. Nothing has occurred during the Month to impede the operations of the Mint, except the sickness of the hands, but we have nevertheless been enabled by a little extra exertion on the part of those that were well, to accommodate the Depositors in obtaining their Coin as soon as desired. I am very happy to have it in my power to say to you, that all deposites have been assayed promptly, and that the Assayer has shown a disposition to be accommodating and pleasant.

I herewith enclose an assay slip from Melt No. 13. reported fineness .900 weight $\frac{070}{1000}$ths of an Oz. value $1.30.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
B. S. Gaither
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
B. S. Gaither,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
Nov. 4. 1842.
Rec'd a 10. —

November 1842

Statement of Gold Bullion rec.d and Coinage executed at the Branch Mint of the U. States at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of October 1842.

Kind of Bullion	Weight after Melting	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions.
Amalgam	55. 14	49.	883	928. 04	
Bars & Amalgam	8. 77	8.	087	150. 45	
Amalgam	68. 65	64.	839	1.206. 30	
Amalgam	263. 27	248.	805	4.628. 90	
Amalgam	7. 37	6.	778	126. 10	
Button & Amalgam	4. 63	4.	783	88. 99	
Amalgam	16. 63	16.	260	302. 51	
Bar	7. 85	8.	067	150. 08	
Do	4. 80	4.	991	92. 85	
Do	19. 18	20.	378	379. 12	
Do	19. 00	15.	833	294. 57	
Do	8. 57	8.	835	164. 37	
Do	20. 66	16.	434	305. 75	
Do	5. 32	5.	188	96. 52	
Amalgam	1. 95	1.	750	32. 56	
Do	4. 58	4.	528	84. 24	
Bar	7. 35	7.	961	148. 10	
Do	15. 37	15.	744	292. 91	
Amalgam	4. 17	4.	123	76. 70	
Do	58. 38	56.	351	1.048. 37	
Bar Grains & Amalgam	22. 40	22.	101	411. 18	
Bars.	9. 58	10.	133	188. 52	
Grains & Amalgam	21. 65	22.	274	414. 40	
Bar.	8. 90	9.	324	173. 47	
Amalgam	11. 20	11.	150	207. 44	
Amalgam & Bars.	21. 69	19.	704	366. 57	
Bar.	29. 65	24.	805	461. 48	
Amalgam & Bar	12. 54	11.	871	220. 85	
Amalgam	7. 05	5.	576	103. 73	
Bars.	15. 65	13.	832	257. 33	
Carried forward	761. 95.	720.	388.	13.402. 40.	

No Deductions

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the Branch Mint of the U. States at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of October 1842.

Kind of Bullion	Weight after Melting	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions.
Amount brought forward	761. 95	720.	388	13.402.	40.	
Bars.	15. 41	13.	556.	252.	22	
D.o	13. 43.	10.	892.	202.	64	
D.o	4. 38	4.	184	77.	83	
Amalgam	129. 75	117.	856.	2.192.	68	
Bars	5. 32	3.	976	73.	97	
Amalgam	11. 95	12.	267.	228.	22	
Bars	9. 19	8.	170	152.	01	
Amalgam	28. 05	28.	205	524.	75	
Bar.	8. 97	9.	775	181.	86	
Amalgam + Bar.	11. 60	11.	251	209.	32.	
	1.000. 00	940.	520	17.497.	90.	

No deductions

	Coinage Denomination	No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts
1842.				
Oct.r 11.	Half Eagles.	1.844.	9.220.	00.
		1.844.	9.220.	00.

Rec.d Nov. 10. 1842.

A.

Statement of Deposites of Gold Bullion, and Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of November 1842.

Kinds of Deposites	Weight after Melting	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dees.	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions		Gold Coinage Denomination	Number of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts.
Bechtlers Coin	3. 60	3.	407	63. 38	63. 38	1842				
Bars & Amalgam	18. 02	18.	009	335. 05	335. 05	November 9	Half Eagles	2. 326.	11. 630.	
Amalgam & button	8. 35	8.	654	161. 00	161. 00					
Amalgam	4. 85	5.	268	98. 01	98. 01					
Bar	7. 97	8.	270	153. 86	153. 86					
Amalgam	5. 95	5.	327	99. 10	99. 10					
Do	5. 62	5.	574	103. 70	103. 70					
Bars	20. 29	17.	736	329. 97	329. 97					
Bars & grains	30. 53	33.	311	619. 74	619. 74					
Bars	28. 10	28.	474	529. 75	529. 75					
Bars & buttons	37. 55	26.	617	495. 20	489. 80					
Bars	14. 58	14.	870	276. 65	276. 65					
Amalgam	5. 24	5.	501	102. 34	102. 34					
Bar	5. 90	6.	391	118. 90	118. 90					
Amalgam	6. 03	5.	165	96. 09	96. 09					
Do	6. 47	5.	894	109. 66	109. 66					
Bar	4. 92	5.	170	96. 18	96. 18					
Amalgam	8. 13	8.	535	158. 80	158. 80					
Bar	7. 10	6.	823	126. 93	126. 93					
Amalgam	19. 07	18.	582	345. 71	345. 71					
Bar	14. 25	12.	000	223. 25	223. 25					
Amalgam	6. 27	6.	513	121. 17	121. 17					
Pieces & Amalgam	11. 00	10.	816	201. 23	201. 23					
Amalgam & Bar	13. 67	12.	682	235. 93	235. 93					
Bars	33. 70	32.	781	609. 87	609. 87					
Amalgam	18. 35	18.	588	345. 82	345. 82					
Do	11. 90	10.	577	196. 77	196. 77					
	357. 41	341.	535	6. 354	06	6. 348.	66	2. 326.	11. 630.	

Mint U. S.
Nov. 23. 1842.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your's of the 4th inst. enclosing your report for October, & a slip from your Melt No. 13. Mr. Eckfeldt reports the fineness this slip to be 899 ~~M~~.

I hope that before this, your hands have entirely recovered from their sickness,

R. M. P.
D.

B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

To
B. S. Gaither,
Supt. &c.
Charlotte,

Nov. 23. 1842.

U. S Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 5 Decem.r 1842.

Sir

I herewith enclose you the paper marked A, exhibiting the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of November.

I have the honor to request that you cause to be forwarded Two Head Dies, One Half and One Quarter Eagle for the ensuing year, and also the following articles required by Dr. Gibbon.

"The muffles required for Miller's assay furnace have not yet "been forwarded — We want them as we have no spare ones.

"The new apparatus sent for our Refining furnaces, are not "adapted to their size, and cannot be fitted without taking down those furnaces, and "I do not know a workman here to undertake this matter: besides which the fire clay "tiles sent for the purpose have been seriously injured by carriage. I should "~~prefer~~ the iron castings and plates required some Months since.

"We require a pig of fine lead for assays

"2 Bbls of sand crucibles small size

"A box of cupels and a cask of black lead pots No. 36.s also 300 lbs fine for Refining

"Copper Bars for alloy. A box of Window Glass 14 by 11 and another 20 by 11

"I also wish a box of Spermaceitte Candles for my Office"

Signed J. R. Gibbon

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
B. S Gaither
Supt &c

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/

B. S. Gaither, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Charlotte, N. C.

Decem. 5. 1842.

Rec'd. " 13. "

(November Report.)

December 18

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 10 Dec.r 1842.

Sir

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have the honor of inclosing an assay slip from Melt No 14 of Gold Ingots, reported fineness .900 weight $\frac{270}{1000}$ths value $1.30.

I am requested by Dr Gibbon to say that an early report of Mr C Mfeldts assay will be acceptable.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
M. F. Stronge Clk

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

B. S. Gaither
Supt. Br. Mint
Charlotte.

Dec. 10, 1842.
Rec'd. " 19. "

Mint of the United States,
Dec. 14. 1842.

Sir,

Your letter of the 5th inst., is just received, containing your report for November.

Dies for 1843 will be sent to you in a few days.

Among the articles ordered by Dr. Gibbon are "Muffles for Miller's furnace", 2 Bbls. Sand Crucibles, 1 Box Cupels, 300 lbs. Zinc." — On the 25th July last, we sent you, ~~from~~ via Charleston, per Sch. Emma, 3 Bbls. Sand Crucibles, & 235 Lbs. Zinc; and on the 19th Oct. per brig Paul Jones, 2 boxes cupels one of which contained 6 muffles. Have these never reached you, or are those now ordered needed in addition?

R. M. P.

To
R. L. Smith Esq.
Supt U. S. Mint,
Charlotte.

To/ B. S. Gaither, Esq.

Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

Dec. 14. 1842.

Mint U.S. Dec. 19/42.

Sir,

Mr. Stranger's letter of the 11th was received this morning. —

The ~~assay~~ slip from your melt No. 14 has been assayed by Mr. Eckfeldt and found to be 899.5 ~~M~~ fine.

I send enclosed an order from Mr. John R. Bolton, in favor of Mr. Adam Eckfeldt, for $145, to be paid out of moneys that may be due, or fall due, ~~from~~ to him from you as Acting Treasurer of the Charlotte Mint. I have to beg you, therefore, to retain this amount from Mr. Bolton's salary at the end of the year, and I will be obliged to you if you can find some method of transmitting it to Mr. Eckfeldt, through me. It is to pay for money ~~lot~~ lent to Mrs. Bolton during her late visit to Philadelphia.

R. M. P.

D. M.

To/

B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To
B. S. Gaither,
Supt. &c.
Charlotte.

Dec. 19, 1842.

Branch Mint

Charlotte 26th Decembre 1842

Sir

I have a planting interest in Marengo County Alabama and fear that it will be necessary, that I should go there in the month of February, to transact some business that may require my personal attention.

I feel reluctant to leave my official charge here, even for so short a time and will not do so, provided you should think that it would be improper for me to be absent for a month. I would have to go to Mobile and in the present state of the roads and weather I would expect to be from about that length of time.

I would not go, unless all of our annual settlements are made and the Mint in full operation for the year 1843

I feel assured that the public interest would not suffer by my absence as I would leave my duties to be performed by Mr Strange, the Clerk of the Mint, who is entirely competent and in whom I have the most unlimited confidence — Will you do me the favour to give me your suggestions upon the subject

To Dr R M Patterson

I have the honor to be Very

Director of the Mint respectfully B. S. Gaither

Firm/ B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Dec. 20/42.

Rec'd. 27th

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

CHARLOTTE
DEC
20
N.C.

Mint Works
Dec. 27/42.

Sir,

In your letter of the 20th inst., just received, you consult me as to the propriety of your being absent from the Mint, for four weeks, after the ~~business~~ operations of the year in closed, on business of importance to yourself.

As I feel entire confidence in the suitableness of Mr. Strange to perform your duties during the proposed absence, I do not think that it would interfere with the public interests, and therefore I cannot object to it.

R. M. P.

To
B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Sup. Br. Mint
Charlotte, N.C.

To
B. S. Gaither.
Asst. Br. Mint
Charlotte.
Dec. 27/42.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 27 Decemr. '42

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters dated upon the 14th & 19th Inst. In the former of which you state among the articles ordered by Dr. Gibbon are muffles for Melters furnaces, 2 Bbls sand crucibles 1 Box cupels & 300 lbs Zinc, and that on the 25 July last you had sent via Charleston 3 Bbls sand crucibles and 235 lbs Zinc and on the 19th Octr. 2 Boxes cupels, one of which contained 6 muffles. and you ask whether those now ordered are needed in addition.

Upon reference to Dr. Gibbon, he informs me that the muffles and cupels have not been received, and that the other articles were ordered in anticipation. The muffles and cupels are needed as soon as they can be forwarded. I will write to Charleston to the House to which those previously sent were consigned upon the subject, but will thank you to have others forwarded at once, for fear that those formerly sent have been lost.

I wish you likewise to send me one copy of Mr. Eckfeldt's recent work upon the different coins &c for my own private use. You may say to Mr. Eckfeldt that I will retain the Amt. of Mr. Boltons Order out of his Salary and forward him a check for the amount shortly after the 1st. Jany.

I herewith enclose an assay slip from Melt No. 15. of Gold Ingots, reported fineness .901 weight $\frac{070}{1000}$ths value $1.30.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

B. S. Gaither
Supt. L.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Phila.

From
B. S. Gunther
Esqr.
Charlotte.

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